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## Reagan appoints 8 aides

By Bob Lebling  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — President-elect Ronald Reagan has announced his first eight cabinet selections — generally moderates, noted for imaginative thinking and strong managerial skills — and has turned his attention to other more difficult cabinet choices, particularly that of secretary of state.

Of the eight nominees selected Thursday, four — the secretaries of defense, Treasury and commerce and the director of the central intelligence agency will have major foreign policy responsibilities.

Reagan's selections for these posts are expected to be welcomed by America's friends and allies overseas, including most Arab states, observers said.

The four appointments are: Caspar Weinberger, vice president and general counsel for Bechtel Corp., as secretary of defense, Donald Regan, chairman of Merrill Lynch and Company, Wall Street's largest stock brokerage and financial firm, as secretary of the treasury, Malcolm Baldrige, chairman of the manufacturing firm Scovill Inc., as secretary of commerce and Reagan's campaign manager William Casey, as director of the CIA.

Weinberger, a former cabinet official and one of Reagan's closest advisers, is known to advocate closer relations with the Arab world. His views are partly the result of his five years at Bechtel, a construction and engineering firm heavily involved in Saudi Arabia's development projects. Donald Regan (no relation to the president-elect) is regarded as an extremely bright and highly skilled manager. Over the past ten years he has built Merrill Lynch into a strong, diversified financial company, with more than 600 offices in the U.S. and abroad. His firm has operations in the Arab world.

Baldrige is also known as a talented corporate executive. Sources say he has taken a strong interest in his firm's overseas operations, and as commerce secretary he is expected to act quickly to improve America's export posture with the Arab states and other countries.

Casey, a former undersecretary of state for economic affairs and ex-president of the Export-Import Bank, has a background in intelligence work dating back to World War II. At that time, he headed European operations for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the forerunner to the CIA, and directed U.S. espionage against Hitler's Germany.

With his first eight cabinet choices out of the way, Reagan is now concentrating on the secretary of state post. The president-elect's personal choice for the job is retired Gen. Alexander Haig, former commander of NATO.

Democrats have threatened to challenge Haig on his connections with Watergate if he is named to the Reagan cabinet. Haig was chief of staff for President Richard Nixon during the Watergate era. But he was never charged with criminal involvement in the scandal.

Sources in the Reagan camp say the president-elect has extremely high regard for Haig's abilities, and is now inclined to nominate him despite threats from the Democratic side of the Senate, the body which must confirm the nomination.

Since the new Senate will be controlled by the Republicans, Reagan is said to believe his nomination of Haig will survive Democratic scrutiny in the confirmation hearing next month.

Republican senators agree with Reagan's assessment, and some believe the Democrats will back down from their challenge once the hearings begin in the first week of January.

Haig's appointment would be welcomed in Europe, and in many Arab countries as well. Before his retirement two years ago, Haig was honored by the government of Saudi Arabia, which presented him with the medal of King Abdul-Aziz, second class.

## NATO members eye Poland's measures

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (R) — NATO governments begin coordinating policies next week on where to hit the Kremlin hardest if Poland is invaded or subjected to intense Soviet military pressure. While the 15-nation Western alliance has already agreed to retaliate on a board but non-military front, details are still to be settled and there may be complex battles ahead in aligning tactics for a United Western response.

Senior officials at NATO headquarters in Brussels say agreement may be possible in a few days on the first of a long list of political, economic and diplomatic counter-measures. But other reprisal actions on the still-secret "check-list" could embroil U.S. and European leaders in a repetition of the bickering and controversy that largely blunted the test's response when the Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan last December.

The biggest problem affects East-West trade. U.S. diplomats are pressing for a watertight agreement under which key nations involved, such as France and West Germany, would be prepared to sacrifice profitable deals in the interests of Western solidarity.

French and West German foreign ministers promised full cooperation at a NATO conference this week, and alliance leaders are confident that Soviet intervention would be so traumatic for the West that unity would be assured, even if it involved commercial losses.

The foreign ministers concluded that a "Soviet menace... hangs over Poland," and said Soviet intervention would destroy East-West détente and "fundamentally alter the entire international situation." Despite the general atmosphere of confidence, NATO diplomats believe divergences are bound to arise when they start pinpointing

precise areas for retaliation. Ambassadors of NATO nations are expected to meet on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss U.S., French and other proposals. While the foreign ministers agreed that outright Soviet invasion would leave the West no alternative except to hit back, they said NATO would retaliate even if Soviet intervention was limited to military intimidation or pressure to involve the Polish army as a repressive force.

The foreign ministers said NATO's reprisals would vary, depending on the gravity of Soviet intervention. NATO officials must now define what precisely would be regarded as intervention, if it was less than an outright invasion to restore Soviet-style political orthodoxy.

There is no agreement so far on what NATO would do if, as considered likely by military experts, the first move was made by the Polish army. If this involved bloodshed and repression, NATO would consider whether reprisals should be aimed against Moscow or against the Warsaw government, or both.

U.S. Secretary of state Edmund Muskie also warned here Friday that any intervention against Poland by the Soviet-led Warsaw military alliance would have "far-reaching implications" for East-West relations. In a press conference at the close of the conference here, Muskie said: "It has been one of the most satisfying, reassuring of NATO foreign ministers meetings which I have attended."

The ministers had displayed "unity of view, unity of purpose and resolve which I like to think of as an alliance characteristic." "I think it is important for the Soviet Union to understand that there is... real resolve."

## Bankers welcome Regan as secretary of treasury

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (R) — Bankers here generally welcomed the choice of Donald Regan as the next treasury secretary, but some doubt that he has the international reputation needed for such a key post in the incoming Republican administration. Regan, 61, is chairman and chief executive officer of the New York-based brokerage firm Merrill Lynch, the largest U.S. financial company.

Some economists who want big tax cuts as incentive to investment and productivity wondered whether the pragmatic head of Merrill Lynch would fully adhere to this economic program, which was endorsed by President-elect Ronald Reagan during the election campaign.

But, whatever their feelings about Regan, most experts agreed there was little to be or the new administration could do in the short run to solve the massive economic problems facing the United States.

One economist at Manufacturers Hanover Trust said that when the Republicans take office next month, "strains developing, and already existing, in the financial system may make certain that the economy will once again begin to contract."

Regan himself appeared to agree with that analysis in a televised interview Friday. "Definitely, things will be weaker in the first half of 1981 than they have been in the third quarter of 1980," he said. Bankers and other business executives said they thought Regan's managerial skills would play an important part in his new job.

"I expect he will run tight and efficient at the treasury," said Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller. On the issue of international standing, Donald Woolley, senior vice president of Bankers Trust said

## Jordan against Gulf interference

AMMAN, Dec. 13 (AP) — The Jordanian government, reacting to the Soviet proposal for demilitarizing the Gulf, said it opposed any interference in the security of the area. A Jordanian government spokesman said: "Jordan opposes any interference and

that although Regan was well known and well respected on Wall Street, the reaction of many people overseas might be: 'Who is he?'

"Regan has had very little to say publicly about international or financial issues," Woolley said, while acknowledging that other treasury secretaries have come to the job without overseas reputations. Woolley said it was important that President-elect Reagan selected "a very strong number two man" for the post of treasury undersecretary — someone who was well known in the international and government securities markets.

Some economists believed that Regan would be a strong advocate in the administration of the need to cut federal spending as well as taxes. He told a news conference earlier this week: "You must have both budget cuts and tax cuts together. You can't have one without the other."

New York Stock Exchange Chairman William E. Brock described Regan as "innovative and imaginative" and said he was an excellent choice to the Treasury Department. Batten observed that Lynch "has been pushing harder than most other firms in diversifying its operations." Merrill Lynch's aggressiveness under Regan has its critics.

Some of President-elect Reagan's more conservative supporters have been annoyed by his choice of a practical businessman as treasury secretary. But the nomination was approved by Professor Arthur Laffer, a leading advocate of "supply-side" economics, the theory that major tax cuts can fight inflation and increase productivity.

Laffer said a treasury secretary must be pragmatic in order to deal with economic problems. "I am pleased at the appointment," he said.

affirms that the security of the Gulf should be left to the Gulf countries themselves." He added that King Hussein had made it clear before that "this essential area should be kept away from any foreign domination from all sides."

The Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, addressing the Indian parliament Wednesday, outlined a plan for the security of the Gulf whereby the United States and the Soviet Union would renounce military bases and nuclear weapons in the region. He proposed the Western nations, China and Japan and the Gulf countries to agree to their "mutual obligation" to insure peace and guarantee open sea lanes to the Gulf.

The first reaction to the Soviet scheme came from Bahrain which Thursday called it "a new idea in the war of words between the superpowers."

Egypt has described the plan as "ironical" because the Soviets were occupying Afghanistan. "Egypt continues to keep this region nonaligned but at the same time it understands the need of individual countries in the region to seek security against what they see as possible threats to their sovereignty after the invasion of Afghanistan," a senior Egyptian foreign ministry official said.

Iran also criticized the Soviet security plan as "a peace proposal from one superpower to another."



ARRIVAL: The Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Rokusuke Tanaka arrives in Riyadh Friday for talks with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim. He was welcomed at the airport by Dr. Solaim and the Deputy Minister, Tewfik Ibrahim, left, and the Ambassador Teruhiko Nakamura, right.

## Tanaka meets officials on economic relations

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim and visiting Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry Rokusuke Tanaka discussed bilateral relations at a meeting here Saturday.

Tanaka, who arrived here Friday on a two-day visit, held talks later in the day with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Dr. Solaim said after the meeting that the Japanese minister underscored the importance that Japan attaches to economic relations with Saudi Arabia, namely the two-way trade between the two nations.

Tanaka also expressed appreciation of the Kingdom's position as a re-export center to neighboring countries the minister said.

Dr. Solaim added that the Saudi Arabian side to the talks "paid tribute to the response by Japanese exporters to Saudi Arabia's specifications for Japanese exported goods."

The minister singled out these specifications for the safety requirements of Japanese goods. The minister also said that the Japanese delegation was asked to provide Arabic literature and labels with Japanese exports.

Dr. Solaim praised Japanese participation in the Kingdom's petrochemical projects and that country's readiness to join other industrialization programs.

Dr. Solaim earlier Friday described

## Iraq, Iran exchange assaults

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (AP) — War communiques told of tank assaults on each other's positions in Iran's southwestern oil province of Khuzistan and air raids against oil installations on both sides of the border. Both countries reported paratroop battles flared into a third week for the foothills of the Zagros mountain range, 480 kilometers north of Khuzistan as the Gulf war completed its 82nd day. Iraq claimed it killed 23 Iranians in the mountain fighting.

Iran claimed a total of 192 Iraqi deaths in the Khuzistan fighting and in the Western Highlands. Iran said it lost four soldiers, Iraq acknowledged eight deaths. War claims by both sides cannot be independently verified because reporters are barred from free movement on the battlefields.

The official Iranian news Agency Pars said six men were executed Thursday in Ahwaz, the provincial capital of Khuzistan. Pars said the "collaborators" were tried and convicted of "blowing up pipelines, sabotage and importing arms from Iraq." Although the nationalities of the six were not clear, the impression was that they belonged to Khuzistan's large Arab ethnic community. Iraq has been calling in Iranian Arabs to "help your brother Arabs, your Iraqi liberators."

Shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Khuzistan on Sept. 22, Iran warned the province's Arab community against collaborating with the Iraqis and set up field courts to try war crimes in Khuzistan, which Iraq calls Arabistan. At least four other accused collaborators have been executed.

There was speculation earlier that Iraq would demand a self-determination referendum for the people of Khuzistan as part of an overall settlement of the border dispute. But Iraq's official stance terms for a ceasefire are confined to an Iranian recognition of full Iraqi sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab estuary plus a 321 square kilometers strip of disputed territory.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadon Hammadi ended a four-day visit to the Philippines and a joint communique called for a ceasefire and negotiations. It said peace between Iraq and Iran "requires mutual respect for the legitimate rights" of both countries.

Iraq claimed 30 Iranian troops were killed in tank combat and helicopter gunship raids around the besieged oil refinery of Abadan, Khuzistan's main war theater at the southern tip of the 420-kilometer long invasion front.

## Sultan denies Soviet claims

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan has denied that Soviet arms destined for Iraq were being routed through Saudi Arabia.

In a statement reported by the Saudi Press Agency Saturday the minister blamed "hostile Communist and Zionist circles for spreading these malicious reports" against the Kingdom. He said that reports "claiming that Saudi Arabia has agreed to Soviet plans to supply Iraq with arms through Yanbu (on the Red Sea) and Badana (on the Saudi-Iraqi) border are completely baseless."

The minister added that "there is no dealing between us and the Soviet Union" and that "Iraq has not requested any assistance from us."

Prince Sultan said the armed forces of the Kingdom were capable of defending it in the event of aggression. He dismissed foreign reports and rumors that the forces were not adequate to defend the country. "If we are attacked our forces and our moral and religious power will prove the opposite," he said.

The minister however ruled out any aggression against Saudi Arabia "since all the neighbors are sisterly Arab states." "If the government wanted to deal with every rumor and false report it will have nothing else, to do" he said.

### To Eritrean front

## Soviets ferry Ethiopians

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP) — Soviet gunboats are ferrying Ethiopian forces to the African country's latest battlefield against the people seeking independence for war-torn and strategically located Eritrea province, a spokesman for one of the rebel groups says.

And low-flying Ethiopian planes, according to the spokesman, have in the past month begun dropping toy-like "booby bombs" over the rebel-held, mountain villages where an on-and-off war for independence has been waged since Ethiopia annexed the former Italian colony of Eritrea in 1962.

A number of reports indicated the Soviet-backed Ethiopian regime of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam has launched a new offensive to wipe the Eritrean freedom fighters from their Horn of Africa region that has become a standoff point in East-West relations.

The Soviet Union is establishing a naval base in the Dahlak Islands, set in the southern Red Sea, within sight of Eritrea, while the United States is establishing its own naval facility 500 miles to the south at Berbera, Somalia. Ethiopia, whose military is said to be supervised by Cuban and Russian advisers, has for years accused its neighbor to the north, Sudan, of aiding the Eritreans.

The Soviet-flag vessels are for the first time making an appearance in the Ethiopian campaign, rushing Mengistu's units into tiny,

rebel-held ports near Ethiopia's coastal frontier with Sudan, says Taha Nur, chief of foreign relations for the Eritrean Liberation Front — People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF).

Nur claims also that the Soviets forcibly removed some 3,000 Eritreans from their Dahlak Island home. The year-long deportation campaign was said by Nur to rid the Red Sea island of rebels who might sabotage Soviet construction.

Nur said in an interview at his group's Cairo offices that the assaults from the Red Sea represent one of the fronts on which the Ethiopians are mounting their offensive. The other two, he said, are from the west and south. He said the booby bombs, similar to those reportedly being littered by Soviet airplanes over rebel territories in Afghanistan, explode when handled.

Admitting his information was about 10 days old, Nur confirmed earlier reports that Ethiopian forces have recaptured most of Eritrea's major towns, but that the Eritreans still controlled the mountainous country-side and lightly populated coast.

Nur claimed that rival warfare among the three fighting wings has ended. The competing Eritrean militias are at peace, he said. The fighters include the Eritrean Liberation Front — Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), and the Eritrean Popular Liberation Forces (EPLF).

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## Prince Saud says

## Pakistan visit produced results

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said that Crown Prince Fahd's visit to Pakistan produced good results regarding the strong relations between the two countries.

Prince Saud added that the visit has laid solid groundwork to promote relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on the path of brotherhood and close Islamic solidarity. The visit also will help to improve ties in addition to diversifying the mutual objectives between the two countries. The visit was an opportunity where the two leaders could review the crucial challenges facing the Islamic community, he added.

In addition, leaders of Kashmir hailed the results of Crown Prince Fahd's visit. The officials expressed their appreciation to Prince Fahd's statement in which he said that any intervention in Pakistan would be considered an intervention in Saudi Arabia's affairs.

Leaders of "Azad Kashmir, the Pakistani region, issued a statement at the end of a meeting in Mirpur affirming a confidence that originated from the Kingdom's support of the Islamic cause. Azad Kashmir is part of the disputed Kashmir state and comes under the sovereignty of Pakistan. The residents of main parts of the state occupied by India since 1947 mostly are Muslims.

During Prince Fahd's visit, he toured two provincial capitals. At Lahore, the venue of the Second Islamic Summit, Prince Fahd was entertained with a performance of equestrian skills in Muslim tradition and other martial



Prince Saud Al-Faisal

sports at a specially arranged horse and cattle show.

The prince received a standing and spontaneous ovation from about 40,000 spectators as trumpeters announced his arrival into the colorful "fortress stadium." Driven in a state coach and flanked by lance-bearing horsemen — the president's bodyguards — the prince waved back to the cheering crowd.

While the visit to Pakistan was taking place, Prince Fahd expressed hope that the Afghan people would soon be able to decide

their own destiny and choose their own government. He called upon the free world to help the Afghan refugees in every manner, especially for food, clothing and medicine. At the same time of Fahd's visit, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was in New Delhi in meetings with Indira Gandhi.

India is perhaps the worst hit after Japan by the halt in oil supplies from its traditional sources because of the Gulf war. In its search for alternate sources, Indian emissaries have visited the Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. Observers in Pakistan noted that President Brezhnev's diplomatic sophistry in New Delhi was designed to enlist greater Indian support to its military action in Muslim Afghanistan. But the significance of Prince Fahd's presence across the border in Pakistan, which bears the direct brunt of the Soviet action, has not been lost on India, observers said.

## COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat  
Al-Jadid

The Ministry of the Interior already announced that Dec. 22 has been set as the last date for the departure of those granted visit visas as from 8.10.1400H, and whose guardians working in the Kingdom do not fall under the category of those permitted to call their families to stay with them. After this date, passport officials would detain such visitors, and those supporting or employing such visitors would be subject to punishment.

The announcement has been made more than a week ago and the media services have given it wide coverage so everyone should be careful and take steps to send back those who illegally stayed after Hajj, Umrah or a visit.

It cannot be doubted that the Interior Ministry has made this announcement to uphold the interests of the country and the natives. Therefore, every Saudi Arabian ought to feel duty-bound to cooperate with the competent authorities in implementing the ministry's directives. The natives are urged to refrain from employing anyone living illegally in the Kingdom.

In my view, the responsibility of every citizen is beyond any question, as no one would afford to show slackness toward the country's interest or would be unwilling to cooperate in deporting illegal residents. All of us are, therefore, called upon to realize our responsibility, as it would be the minimum we can do to protect our own interests.

## China experts agree to aid local projects

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The Republic of China has agreed to send a number of experts to the Kingdom to help in computer control, road building and postal services.

The agreement was reached during the recent meeting of the fifth session of the Sino-Saudi Joint Committee for Economic and Technical Cooperation held in Taipei earlier this month. The agreements covered cooperation in industry and electricity, trade, agriculture, science, technology, finance, shipping and communications.

In communications, both sides agreed to revise and expand the technical cooperation of the ministries of communications of the two countries. Taiwan will send four communications officials to the Kingdom to help manage computer system control of the ministry of communications. Several technicians will be sent to study a road project and two postal specialists will be sent to assist the post office here to solve technical problems.

In industry and electricity, both sides decided to construct a joint methanol plant and cooperate in power development in the Kingdom and to consider cooperation in ship repair and shipbuilding. However, this area has not been spelled out in detail at this stage. The delegates agreed on closer cooperation between the national shipping lines of the two countries.

Both nations will take measures to prevent trade disputes and make visa procedures easier for visits by businessmen to and from both countries. China promised to train Saudi Arabian quality control personnel in electrical appliances and textile industries, and agreed to ask Chinese exporters to supply sugar, cement, steel products and other goods for the Saudi Arabian market. Chinese traders also will continue to hold exhibitions in Saudi Arabia.

In agriculture, the Chinese will train Saudi farm workers and will send experts to study the feasibility of private investments in farming here. Both sides also agreed to promote private fishery and fresh water fish culture joint ventures.

In science and technology, both governments agreed to study the possibility of cooperation in single cell protein production. This proposal will be referred to the next conference for detailed discussion. They also agreed to increase to seven the number of satellite communications channels from the present four. Taiwan will provide Saudi Arabia microwave and coaxial cable system technology.



(CNA photo)  
TAIWAN VISIT: Chinese Economics Minister Chang Kwang-shih (left-upper photo) accompanies Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, the Kingdom's minister of Finance and National economy, during the conference. In center, Premier Sun Yun-San received Asad Abdel Aziz Al-Zuhair, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the Republic of China; in bottom picture, Sheikh Aba Al Khail presents an oil painting of Saudi Arabian landscape to premier Sun Yun-San.

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Asr	3:20	3:16	2:47
Maghrib	5:42	5:36	5:07
Isha	7:12	7:06	6:37

## Illegal aliens jailed

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Officials have rounded up and imprisoned 4,700 illegal aliens to date. A few hundred already have been sent home by sea and air. Police checks for residence permits are made in various parts of the country. Anyone without a valid residence permit is arrested, jailed and later deported.

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## OIC examines Zionist violations

## Islamic experts begin meetings

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Legal experts from four Islamic countries opened meetings at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference here Saturday to draft recommendations for January's Third Islamic Summit.

The document deals with the ways and means of confronting Israel's violations of human rights and disregard of U.N. decisions.

The four countries taking part in the meeting are Bangladesh, Pakistan, Senegal and Tunisia. The Senegalese delegation is led by Medoune Fall, the country's ambassador to Japan and formerly the head of the U.N. Commission on the Exercise of the National, Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti said the meeting is being held to discuss one of the most important problems of the Palestinian problem, namely the daily atrocities perpetrated by the occupational power, Israel, on the unarmed civilian Arab population of Palestine.

In a message read on Chatti's behalf by OIC Assistant Secretary General Arshad-uz-Zaman of Bangladesh, Chatti said it was the second extraordinary session of the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Amman in July 1980 that created the committee. It met for the first time in Tunis in August 1980. At that meeting, the attorney general of Senegal was entrusted to prepare a legal report on Zionist atrocities and viola-



Habib Chatti

tion of international law in occupied Palestine. The report is the working paper of the present two-day meeting of the committee.

Chatti said the document will serve as a guide for all moves of the Islamic countries at every level. It will expose all Israeli arguments and lay bare Israel's criminal conduct and war crimes. He added "We are looking forward in the document for a vindication before world public opinion of the Palestinian's right to continue their struggle in all its forms to regain their inalienable national rights."

The OIC secretary general pointed out that the U.N. General Assembly had established in December 1968 a "Special fact-finding commission on Israeli practices that violate human rights in the occupied territories." Because of persistent Israeli obstructionist methods, including the stealing of files from the archives, the committee could not fulfil its task.

He reminded the delegates that the terms of reference of their committee as set out by the foreign ministers resolution are to consider measures and procedures to confront at the political, economic, mass communications and international levels the racist, Zionist enemy's policies and criminal acts aimed at uprooting the Palestinian people from their homeland, and force them to migrate outside their native land that was occupied and robbed from them by terrorism, suppression and sheer force; to put an end to the establishment and expansion of Israeli settlements; to put an end to the import of Zionist immigrants who by settling in Palestine tend to Judaize it; and to confront the "fundamental law capital of the racist, Zionist entity in occupied Palestine."

Chatti recalled that the arson of Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem had prompted the creation of the OIC. And now Israel was trying to "swallow this holy city, thereby defying numerous international resolutions."

## Youth hostel to open

DAMMAM, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi will dedicate the youth hostel of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare situated on the Dammam-Alkhubar road, officials reported Saturday.

Muhammad Hamad Al-Sinani, director of the hostel, said the total cost of the hostel is SR195 million. It will accommodate 300 beds and provides various cultural and sports activities for the lodgers.

Sinani added that the youth hostel comprises four wings for administration, a club, sports installations and housing. The hostel will accommodate administration offices, housing for employees and referees, five rest balls, a movie theater and a stage.

The hostel also will have a library, display halls, lecture hall and sports halls. In addition, there will be a 300-square meter swimming pool and large restaurants equipped with modern kitchens.

Sinani said the hostel is organizing a session on the importance of civil defense for youth hostels. The session that starts January 23 and lasts until February 6 is restricted to hostel instructors. Twenty trainees will enroll in the session to be supervised by the Public Administration Institute in cooperation with the Training Department of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare.



TOUR : Prince Fahd meets reporters for a question and answer session at the end of his tour of Pakistan.

## Law scholars hold meeting

MECCA, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The Jurisprudence Academy will hold its second session here between February 12 and 19, the secretary general of the World Muslim League announced Saturday.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan said that the session will discuss the issue of test tube children unification of the beginning of Ramadan and Eids, and other issues. The session will be dedicated by Sheikh Abdullah ibn Humaid, chairman of the higher judiciary council and the jurisprudence academy.

## BRIEFS

## Credentials presented

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Yusuf Abdul Razak Muhammad, regional ambassador of Mauritius to the Kingdom, presented a copy of his credentials to the Foreign Ministry chief of protocol, Salem Sunbul, Saturday as a non-resident ambassador of his country. Ambassador Muhammad will later present his credentials to King Khaled.

## Charity receives donations

HASA, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The Philanthropic Society of Hasa received more donations and subscriptions amounting to SR86,250, the society announced. Among the donors were Sheikh Ali Al Abdullah Al-Tamimi, and Sheikh Ahmad Hamad Al Ghusaibi who donated SR30,000 each. Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jiluwi, chairman of the society, thanked the donors.

## Hotel opening scheduled

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Salman Monday will dedicate Riyadh Marriott Hotel built by the Saudi Hotels and Tourist Areas Development Company as part of a large scheme that covers Saudi Arabia. Senior officials and leading businessmen have been invited to attend the opening.

## Trucks offered

BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given Lebanon six ambulances and four garbage trucks. The gift was handed to Lebanese officials Friday by Saudi Charge d'Affaires Abu Bakr Rafie.

## Volleyball match held

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Al-Ittihad from Jeddah Friday beat Al-Hilal of Riyadh 3-0 in the first round of the volleyball major league at the Youth Welfare Organization's hall here. The match was attended by a large number of volleyball fans, a sport rapidly gaining popularity in the Kingdom.

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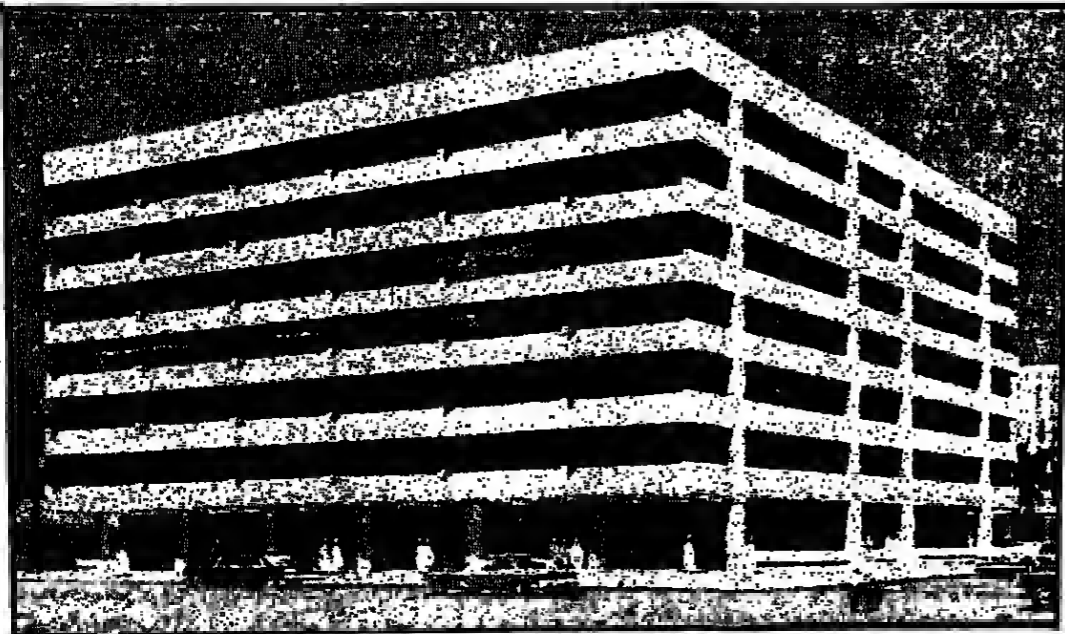
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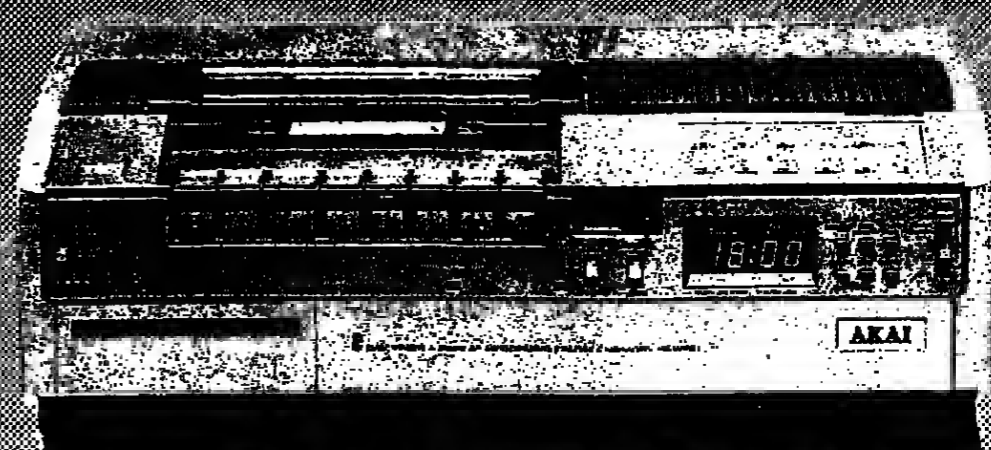
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## Israeli settlement plan on W.Bank nearing end

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (LAT) — The Israeli plan to establish Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River is nearing an end. When the Israelis occupied the 2,000-square-mile area in 1967, the only people who lived there were Palestinians. The only Jewish settlements were the ruins of those the Arab forces had destroyed in the 1948 war.

By the time Menachem Begin took office as prime minister in 1977, there were 32 Israeli settlements on the West Bank, started under the Labor government that Begin defeated. Today there are 69 settlements, and four more in the planning stage.

Despite lawsuits, Palestinian attacks, condemnation abroad, opposition within Israel, bitter disputes over budget allocations and divisions within the Begin cabinet, the government has managed to put on the ground almost all the settlements planned for the West Bank. They stand where Begin's government planned them. Some are little more than wispy gatherings of prefabs with only a handful of families. But the initial phase is

over, and the next stage is under way. It is called "thickening," adding people.

When the (Begin) government took office in 1977 there were 3,200 Jews in the West Bank settlements," said Mattiyahu Shmuelivitz, director general of the prime minister's office. "Now there are 17,400. In the next year this could be raised to 28,000."

The long-range program of the Begin government calls for settling 100,000 Jews on the West Bank by 1984. But Begin's government, now trailing the opposition Labor Party by about 20 per cent in opinion polls, may not win the 1980 elections. The strategy has been to get as many settlements started as possible — changing forever the nature of the West Bank's population.

"It makes no difference, politically, whether a settlement consists of 30 families or 300," said Mattiyahu Drobles, head of the Settlement Division of the Zionist Organization. "It is a question of budget, not politics. All resources must now be diverted in fortifying the existing settlements."

## Stationing troops in Mideast under study, Reagan aide says

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP) — The administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan is studying the possibility of permanently stationing troops in the Middle East to ward off possible Soviet threats to the Gulf, it has been reported.

The disclosure came in remarks Reagan's foreign policy adviser, Richard Allen, was reported to have made in an interview with Cairo's *Al-Ahram* newspaper. In his statements Allen also said the new administration would not seek confrontation with the Soviet Union, nor a return to the cold war period, but would strive to establish "minimum" international security which he claimed had "disintegrated in the four

years."

His remarks coincided with a study by the Harvard University recommending the United States would have to triple its rate of acquiring emergency oil stockpiles and build up its military presence in the Middle East in order to cope better with oil supply distributions.

In the interview, conducted with the editor-in-chief of the newspaper, Allen was asked whether concern for the security of Middle East and Gulf would lead to the permanent stationing of U.S. troops in the area.

"This matter is under study," he was quoted as saying.

## France warns Libya against Chad meddling

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — France warned Libya Saturday against further military intervention in the Chad civil war and said it was ready to support African moves to maintain Chad's unity and independence. A communiqué from the presidential palace did not refer to the Libyans by name but spoke of "a new deterioration of the situation in Chad due to the intervention of armed foreign elements."

Cooperation Minister Robert Galley spoke before the National Assembly on Thursday, however, of several thousand men under Libyan command. Officials in Paris also spoke of both regular Libyan forces in Chad and of Libyan-commanded "Islamic Legion" elements.

The warning seemed to raise the possibility of intervention by France in its former colony should it be requested, perhaps by countries near Chad, observers said.

The statement said France had respected the inter-African-sponsored peace agreements on Chad, signed in Lagos in 1979, and had pulled its troops out of Chad. The withdrawal took place in May, two months after the war between President Goukouni Weddeye and rebel Defense Minister Hissene Habre broke out.

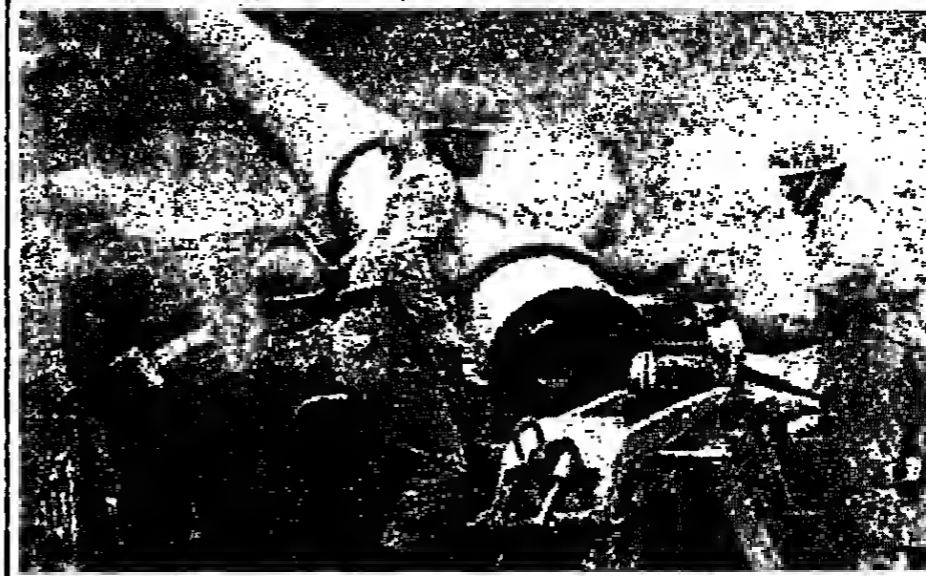
Now, however, "France is seriously worried by the new deterioration of the situation in this country (Chad) resulting in the intervention of armed foreign elements," the presidential statement said.

"France will support any collective effort by the African states to re-establish peace in Chad, preserve its unity and maintain its independence."

Meanwhile, Libya's Foreign Minister Ali Triki denied in an interview published by the *London Times* that Libyan soldiers were engaged in the Chad war. But Triki acknowledged that Libyan advisers and "Libyan legions" were helping Goukouni's forces fight those of Habre.



RIVER CROSSING: Iraqi soldiers cross a river recently in the northern sector of the battlefield with Iran, near Sarbil Zahab, Iran.



ARTILLERY: Iranian soldiers load a large cannon near Dhaht-Azadegan in the south of Iran recently where Iranian forces are holding back invading Iraqi troops.

### BRIEFS

LUSAKA, (R) — President Kenneth Kaunda has said Zambia would continue to support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and expressed surprise at Israel's negative attitude toward the Palestinian cause, the official Zambia news agency (ZANA) reported. Kaunda was quoted as saying: "Jews are people who have suffered very much and this is why to us in Zambia it is very surprising to see the same people behaving exactly the same way towards other people." He was speaking at state house after receiving a PLO delegation led by Secretary-General Muhammad Nashashibi, which delivered a message from PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

ANKARA, (R) — A left-wing militant was executed in Ankara's central civilian prison early Saturday for shooting a soldier

during a demonstration last February, it was announced. Erdal Ereo, a 19-year-old school graduate, is the fourth political extremist to be executed since the armed forces took power in Turkey on Sept. 12.

BEIRUT, (R) — Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in an interview published Friday President-elect Ronald Reagan might build an American military base in Israel. He also told a Beirut weekly magazine that once Reagan had assured Israel of its security, he would work toward bringing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) into the Mideast peace process.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — A six-member Chinese army delegation led by Gen. Han Huai Zhi arrived in Pakistan Friday, the third high-ranking military delegation sent by Peking in the past five weeks.

## South Africa, Israel boost economic ties

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (AP) — Israel and South Africa have announced a series of economic agreements and brushed aside international criticism of their growing relations.

In a news conference summing up a visit by South African Finance Minister Owen Horwood, plans were disclosed Friday for South African investment in Israeli research and development projects and for South African credits to Israel of 125 million rands (\$166 million).

Israel officials said South Africa has increased the quota of coal it will sell to Israel from one million to three million tons annually helping Israel to diversify its energy sources away from petroleum imports.

Israel also will be allowed to sell government bonds for the first time in South Africa up to a ceiling of 20 million rands (\$25 million).

## U.N. calls deportation of Arab mayors illegal

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (R) — The General Assembly has asked the Security Council to meet urgently to force Israel to rescind the banishment of two Palestinian mayors and a Muslim religious judge from the occupied West Bank. The resolution, adopted Thursday night, called the deportations illegal.

Only Israel and the United States voted against the motion, which also condemned what it called Israel's "policy of opening fire on defenseless students, causing many casualties."

The Hebron and Halhoul mayors Fahd Kawasmeb and Muhammad Milhem were expelled last May after a commando attack killed six Jewish settlers in Hebron. The deportations were condemned at the time by the Security Council.

## Palestine office bomb defused in Washington

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON Dec. 13 — Police Thursday defused a bomb planted at the Palestine Information Office here by a self-styled Zionist terror group. The bomb did not explode and there were no casualties, police said.

A group calling itself "Hatekva Leumi" claimed responsibility for the explosive device. But police said they had no suspects in the case as of noon Thursday.

The device was planted in a storeroom beneath the Palestine Information Office, a PLO-sponsored Bureau. It was apparently set to explode on Monday, but failed to go off.

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## In Thailand border camps

## U.N. argues over refugee children's fate

By John Burgess

BANGKOK (WP) — Kia, a Khmer boy born in 1967: "Separated from parents in 1975." Moen, another boy the same age: "last contact with his family during attack on his village." Wanna, born in 1966: "separated from family in 1978 to work as farmer."

These are three boys among 2,737 children whose dossiers are reproduced in white-covered books circulating in Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand. Each entry includes a photo and, if the child is old enough to give them, a name, a list of family members and a bit of personal history.

They are "unaccompanied minors," official parlance for refugee children who arrived in Thailand without parents. The books, far from being a directory for adoption agencies, are helping parents locate missing sons and daughters.

Ever since they began crossing into Thailand last year, part of an exodus that brought 150,000 Cambodians to U.N.-financed camps, the children have created controversy. This month it happened again: refugee workers discovered that about 140 children had vanished at night from children's centers in two camps near the Cambodian border.

In both Kamput and Meirud, agents of the ousted Khmer Rouge government run a shadow administration. The assumption is that the missing children were taken to Cambodia to rejoin relatives or serve the Khmer Rouge as soldiers, laborers or spies.

For many the return may have been volun-

tary. During the years the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia, about half the children now in the centers were inducted into mobile children's teams, formed to roam the countryside performing collective work and learning the tenets of revolutionary life. Blind loyalty to adults in charge was often inculcated in the young team members.

A spokesman for the Thai military's supreme command, which has jurisdiction over the two camps, denied any knowledge of the minors' disappearance. But the local office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, which oversees the feeding and protection of refugees, acknowledged it.

"The government has given assurances that measures will be taken to prevent any future moves of this kind," a spokesman for the U.N. commission said.

Since new security measures went into force Nov. 5, no further departures of minors have been reported, the spokesman stated.

The United Nations is also considering moving the children to camps further away from the border, according to the spokesman.

News of the disappearance of the 140 children enraged many refugee workers and brought to the fore — again — some familiar questions.

How long does it take to satisfactorily establish that a child's parents are dead? How long should a child be held in an insecure camp until he is cleared for resettlement in a third country?

Almost everyone working with refugee agencies here has strong opinions on the subject. Those who favor speedy resettlement

are vilified as "orphan hunters" quick to steal the sons and daughters of absent parents. Those favoring time-consuming efforts at tracing are called heartless bureaucrats who leave children to languish behind barbed wire.

For the present, the lengthy search approach prevails. The U.N. commission spokesman said the fate of the 140 children would not persuade it to abandon efforts to trace parents.

Last December the United Nations effectively froze resettlement of unaccompanied minors, after 300 were taken to France and West Germany. U.N. officials felt only superficial efforts had been made to locate parents.

Arrayed against the United Nations are some Western embassies, foreign adoption agencies, church groups and a few individuals who fly in from abroad to try to get action on specific cases.

U.N. officials point to reunion statistics as proof their approach is justified. Of about 2,500 children originally classified as unaccompanied minors, 1,078 had been reunited by Nov. 15 with parents, siblings and in some cases aunts, uncles or grandparents, U.N. figures show.

"The data show that the majority have family," said Everett Ressler, Thailand representative of Norway's Save The Children Foundation, which the United Nations commissioned to produce the tracing books.

Ressler said that of more than 2,000 children interviewed, only 37 per cent claimed that both parents were dead. The actual figure may be far lower, he argued, because many children had no direct word of their parents' fate. More than half the children simply said they had been separated.

Tracing is continuing. Social workers carry the books directly into refugee households and watch as adults peruse them. At other

camps, bulletin boards crowded with photos of the children are visited by searching parents.

U.N. officials report that some adults make special trips to the Thai frontier from the Cambodian interior to check for missing children. By the end of October, 42 cases of family reunion at the border had been recorded, 25 of them involving parents.

The United Nations' critics hold that tracing is necessary but that it is criminal to put open-ended delays on permanent solutions for those children with no realistic hopes of finding families, and who themselves want to go overseas.

Some critics, like Tim Bood, affiliated with the relief organization Tare Des Hommes, have questioned the U.N. practice of putting children in Khmer foster homes. In an interview, he argued that in view of Cambodia's poverty and the potential for continuing war, Khmer parents cannot guarantee a child's welfare, and preference should be sending confirmed orphans abroad.

Sentiments like these have led to concerted pressure from embassies in Bangkok to make the United Nations free children for resettlement. "It comes to a crisis state about every two months," said one diplomat whose embassy is frequently asked to intervene.

Partly to relieve this pressure, the United Nations this summer began quietly processing small numbers for resettlement. Close to 40 have gone, most of them aged 4 or less, too young to give information to help in tracing and, in many cases, to be recognized by family members.

Tracing interviews found that during the four years the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia about half the children were taken from their families and put into children's mobile teams. These special work and political study units were intended to mold future generations of



CAMBODIANS: children wait for news of their parents

dedicated revolutionaries.

Teams were abandoned by their Khmer Rouge overseers when Vietnamese forces seized the country in 1979. Fending for themselves, the children wandered from village to village before crossing into Thailand — many had long since come to think of their parents as dead.

Although some children remain loyal to the Khmer Rouge, most seek the peace and contentment that they, like everyone else in the camps, hear exists in the United States and Europe.

Corruption and parental deceit create further problems. Countries that take minors sometimes agree to accept members of the same family who show up at a later date. Thus some families put children in the centers with the plan that the child will go abroad and then request that his or her "newly discovered" loved ones follow.



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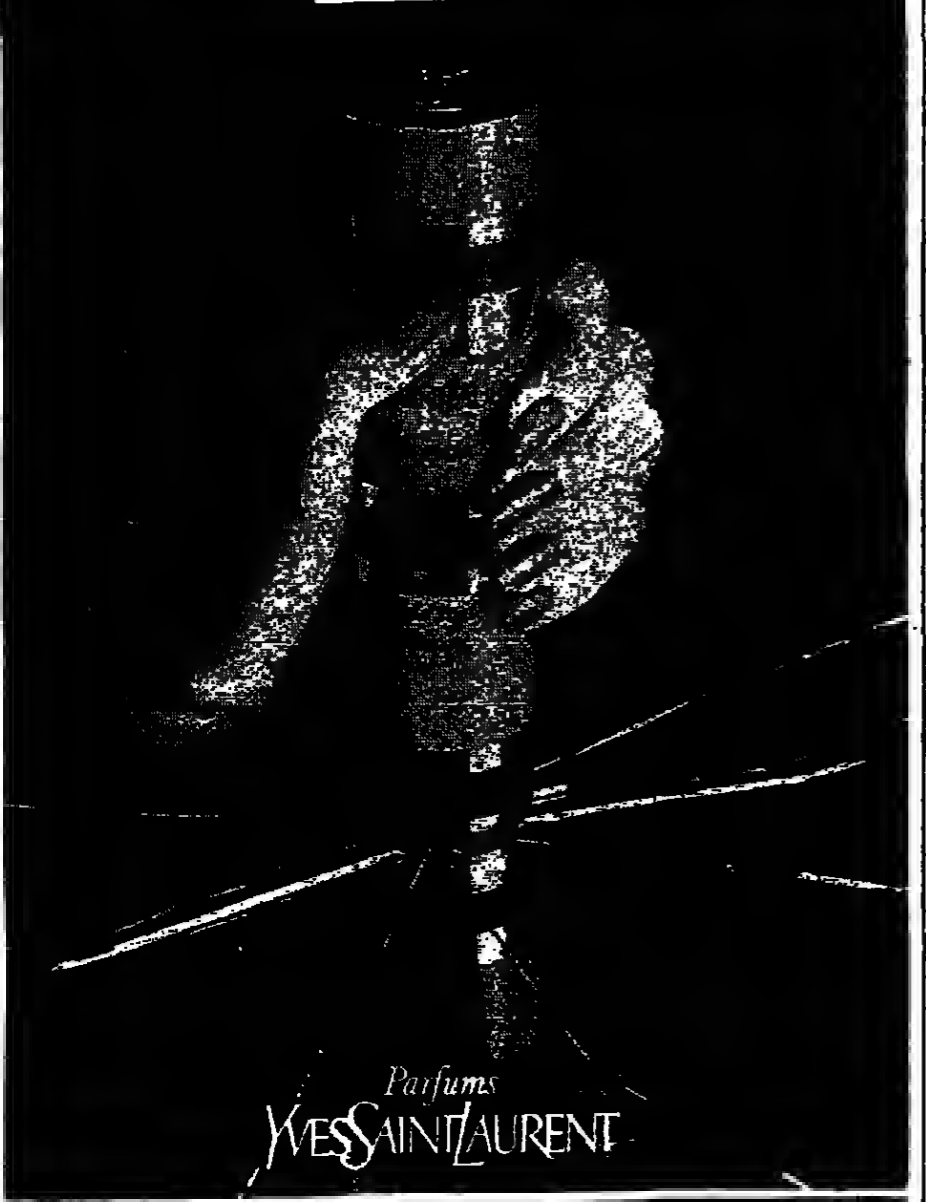
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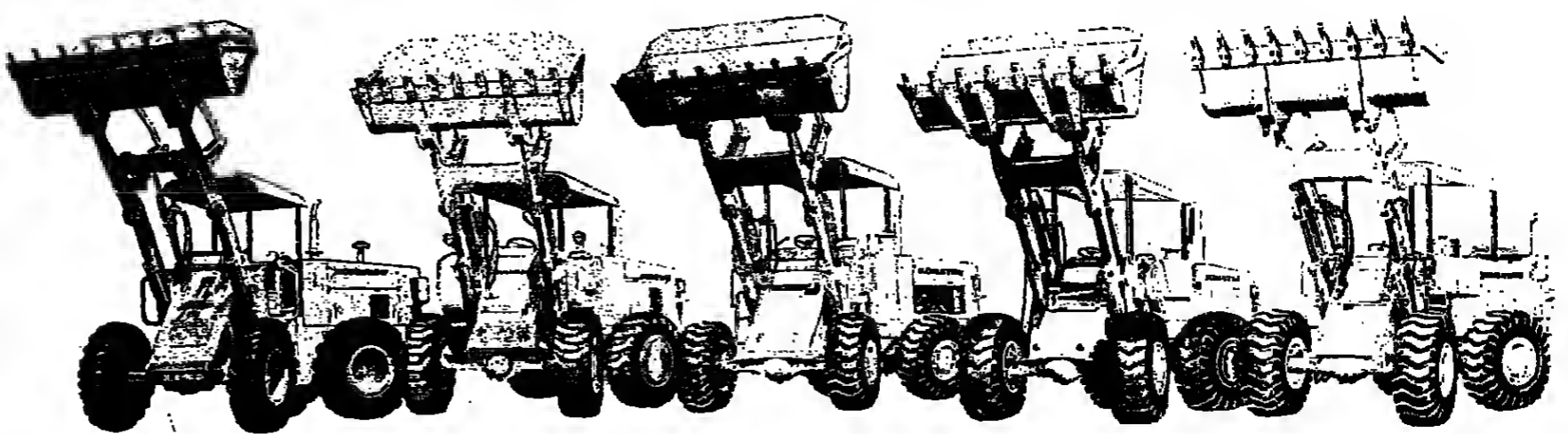
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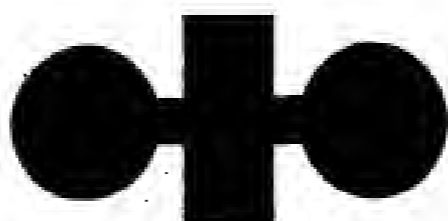
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## Inspired by gypsy tradition

## Hungarian nationalism lives on in music

By Louis B. Fleming

BUDAPEST, Hungary, (LAT) — The sound of the music rose and fell with the mood, tugging at the heart and bringing tears to the eyes. Candles flickered as violins, viola, bass, clarinet and — most important — the cimbalom, celebrated melodies that have excited musicians for centuries: the folk music of Hungary, unique in the world.

"It was so romantic," a young woman recalled, speaking of a musical evening on the shore of Lake Balaton.

The hearts of patriots as well as those of young lovers beat faster to the thrilling sound.

The young and old of Hungary remain loyal to the fantasy of their gypsy musicians. Now rock stars at youth festivals take many of their tunes from the same melodies that inspired Brahms, Liszt, Bartok and Kodaly.

Hungarian nationalism is nowhere more alive than in the music. It seems to symbolize defiance of the Soviets, who have controlled the country for three decades, just as Hungarians resisted the Turks centuries ago.

Folk music is serious business here. Talented young musicians fulfill their military obligation playing in a special gypsy orchestra.

"The military understands that the hands of musicians must be protected from the risks of regular military service," a musical leader explained.

In simple wine cellars, in restaurants along the narrow streets of the Buda hills, in concerts and in tourist hotels, the music pervades the nation with its lifting, haunting, emotional sounds drawn from the villages, captured with patience and perseverance by two of Hungary's greatest classical musicians, Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodaly.

Always at the center is the cimbalom, that extraordinary stringed instrument that has turned the heads of generations of compos-

ers, among them Igor Stravinsky, who was inspired to compose for the instrument and even to construct one after a chance introduction in a Geneva night club in 1915.

Stravinsky's inspiration was not surprising, for he heard the instrument that evening with the world master, Aladar Racz, a Hungarian, of course. He was the first to bring the cimbalom to the classical concert stage. He died in 1958 at 72 but his records perpetuate his virtuosity.

The legacy of Racz is perpetuated today by the Hungarian Youth Art Ensemble, established 30 years ago by the youth arm of the Communist Party that had just seized control of the country.

There is nothing ideological about the ensemble. Party membership is not required for the 1,000 young people enrolled in 38 musical and dancing groups. There are pictures of Marx and Lenin among the mementoes of the ensemble's world tours, but there is also a plaque from Dade County, Florida. For the sponsors and for the performers, Hungary and its national cultural heritage are all that matter.

The ensemble also gives the regime an opportunity to deal with one of its social problems, the status of the gypsies.

Best known of the groups in the ensemble is the Rajko Orchestra. "Rajko" means youth in the language of the gypsies and it is a tuition-free musical education program exclusively for gypsies. For the top talent, there are scholarships to encourage their preparation for professional careers.

Sandor Kocska, clarinetist in the famed gypsy orchestra that plays in the Budapest Hilton, is a graduate of the program. His daughter is enrolled in cello studies.

But for all the national pride in the centuries-old role of the gypsies in popular music, there are still serious problems with this troublesome minority. Estimates indicate that there are at least 300,000 gypsies

among the 10.7 million Hungarians living in Hungary. The gypsies are beginning to settle down and accept regular employment, easing their resistance to the Communist regime, but many reportedly remain engaged in criminal activities. "Others beg on the streets of Budapest, an embarrassment to a regime that guarantees employment for all.

Government programs to help the gypsies, including housing incentives in a housing-short nation, have stirred anger among many Hungarians, who respond with the same enthusiasm with which some American blue-collar workers in America speak of welfare.

But the musicians are respected and they are supreme in their profession.

The gypsies have their own tradition of music, adapted to the nations of Europe that they have inhabited — Hungary, but also Romania and the Soviet Union. There also are romantic songs, many composed as original works in the last 10 years by gypsy musicians. But the most beloved music is the authentic folk music drawn from centuries of isolated village life.

"Brahms wrote 16 Hungarian dances thinking he had captured the authentic folk music, but what he had heard was popular gypsy music," Bela Takacs, a former diplomat and now deputy director of the ensemble, said. "Even Liszt, a Hungarian, did not capture the authentic folk music in his famous pieces."

Brahms heard the melodies from a Hungarian violinist and even when he later traveled to Hungary he did not manage to hear the folk music. So it was with Liszt. He had left Hungary to play in Western Europe as a child prodigy and his lifelong love of Hungarian music turned out to be based on gypsy orchestras that he heard when he came home, playing their own compositions, not authentic old gypsy music. His rhapsodies were popular around the world before he died in 1886 but were never authentically Hungarian.

It was not until 1905 and 1906, eight years

after the death of Brahms, that Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodaly went to the remote Hungarian villages to discover the music hidden there. They brought international attention with their own classical compositions often embodying the music they had found.

What they found is truly original — with an idiom of its own, as scholars say — and it flourished in Hungarian villages simply because the industrial revolution passed them by. The Hapsburg monarchy, which ruled Hungary, after the Turks were driven out, until 1918, invested in Austria and neglected Hungary.

"This peasant village life flourished only in Hungary," Takacs recalled, "and with this simple life, folk music flourished."

Now the crude and primitive musical instruments of the villages are prized treasures, sought in dusty attics to bring luster as solo instruments with folk ensembles.

Typical of them is the *Kocsogduda*, nothing more than a terra cotta vase covered with hide into which a plunger is tightly fitted. It makes a steady "brrr brrr brrr" sound as the plunger is thrust up and down.

There are wood flutes, mouth harps, simple stringed instruments, some whose origins go back 1,000 years.

The cimbalom first appears in history in the 16th century in Transylvania, now part of Romania. A Hapsburg chronicle records acceptance of the instrument in the 1700s in the Vienna court. A Budapest instrument maker transformed it in the 1800s to the instrument that now stands at the center of every gypsy orchestra.

How does it sound? That question is not easily answered. Like a harpsichord, Istvan Homolya, a Hungarian critic, has suggested.

"But the instrumental possibilities," he added, "allow for a much more sensitive and pliant melodic construction."

The cimbalom is like a small piano, standing on four legs, but with no keyboard. The metal wires run crosswise and they extend over only four octaves. The cimbalom is played with finely fashioned, padded wood



SHOOTING: the girls of Muswell Hill junior school get stuck in

At London school

## Girls take up soccer

There's a couple of leggy strikers with a difference. They're girls. They aim to give the goalie no chance with their shooting, and it's all part of sporting revolution taken up by one junior school.

First mixed soccer in the winter, then mixed rounders in the summer. And cricket has been clean bowled altogether... as too male dominated. It's enough to make a chap kick over the stumps, or throw in his rattle... But when the boys and girls of Muswell Hill junior school in North London come out to play during sports lessons, they can choose football or netball.

And since the beginning of term many of the girls have chosen to join the mud-splattered football squad. They have been

given a pledge by head master Nevill d'Souza: "If you make the grade, you make the team." He said: "I have made it clear that if any opposing team objects to girls in our side, that is discrimination and we will pull out of the match."

Said teacher Leon Aarons, who coaches the young footballers three times a week: "There is no discrimination on the field. They mix so naturally you don't notice it is boys and girls who are playing. But after our first session, three of the girls sat down in a puddle, just to get dirty and help them feel more part of the game!" Some have bought football boots and extra shorts and attend extra coaching sessions after school.

the exposed wires. The immense difficulty, a little like learning the Hungarian language, has limited interest. There are no more than four classical star performers today, and only 10 students are enrolled in classes at the ensemble with Elek Toth, master of the cimbalom.



BRONZE: "The Great Tower" dwarfs two admirers

## English lake gets landmark

LEICESTER, England — A massive bronze sculpture was recently unveiled in Leicestershire in the English Midlands. "The Great Tower" by sculptor Alexander is situated in beautiful countryside on the banks of Rutland Water, the largest man-made lake in the United Kingdom. The sculpture stands 31 feet high and weighs ten tons. It is believed to be the single biggest bronze work made in modern times.

Two large cranes were required to load it onto its transporter at the foundry where it was cast, and two more to lower it into position at Rutland Water.

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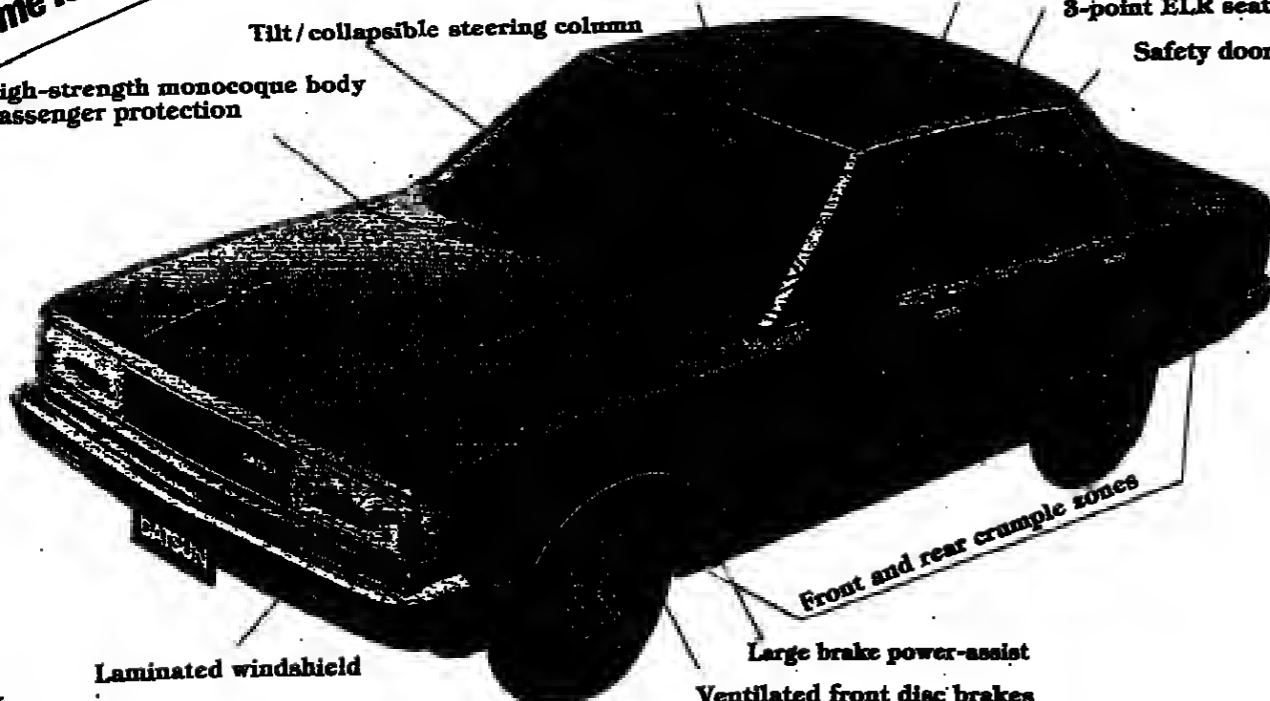
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## Obote declared winner in tense Uganda poll

KAMPALA, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Milton Obote's political party, the Uganda People's Congress, has won the parliamentary elections in Uganda. It was officially announced Saturday. Obote is thus assured of becoming president again, nearly 10 years after he was overthrown by Idi Amin.

With 23 results still awaited in the bitterly-contested election, his Uganda People's Congress (UPC) had captured 60 parliamentary seats against 42 for the Democratic Party (DP) and one for the Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM). Commonwealth observers reported. The election, the nation's first in 18 years following the rule of fallen dictator Amin, who ousted Obote from the presidency in 1971, is for a 126-seat parliament with the majority party nominating the president.

UPC sources said Obote would be sworn in as president as soon as official results showed his party had won in 64 parliamentary constituencies. Behind the parliament buildings a military band already was practicing the

national anthem in preparation for this ceremony. Obote becomes the first African leader to be returned to power through the ballot box after being ousted in a coup.

The citizens of Kampala came out rather gingerly into the streets after a night of shooting which began shortly after dusk and continued sporadically until dawn. The morning brought little evidence of pitched battles or casualties.

Diplomats said they concluded the heavy machinegun and rocket fire must have been a show of strength by the army to deter Kampala residents, who voted overwhelmingly for DP candidates, from demonstrating against the UPC victory in the balloting last Wednesday and Thursday.

Lengthy gun-battles shook the center of Kampala Friday when vote counting began to indicate a victory for Obote. The sound of machinegun and rifle reverberated across the city center, punctuated by anti-tank rocket fire.



Milton Obote

## Suspect Chapman idolized, imitated John Lennon

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Mark David Chapman was a haunting reflection of the rock musician he idolized, emulated — and is accused of killing.

His interest in John Lennon began long before police found him reading a book a few meters from where Lennon lay mortally wounded by shots from a .38-caliber revolver. Chapman had been using John Lennon's name as his own, playing Beatles music loud enough to wake his Honolulu neighbors and otherwise acting out the life of a man he'd never met. On Monday, moments before the slaying, he got Lennon's autograph.

Shortly before midnight, when Lennon returned, Chapman allegedly stepped from the shadows, crouched, put both hands on the gun and emptied it into Lennon.

"I didn't have anything against him," Chapman told arresting officers. "I don't know why I did it."

Another obscure young American with a gun, a man for whom the pieces didn't fit. Whatever his motive, and authorities are at a loss to find one, Mark David Chapman catapulted his own name permanently into the spotlight with the man friends say he admired.

"It's an old role, a police detective said. 'You become as famous as the guy you kill. This kind of killing brings names closer together than marriage.'

Now the 25-year-old Chapman, who



Mark David Chapman as he appeared in a 1973 high school yearbook photo.

underwent psychiatric tests at Bellevue Hospital in New York, is spending nights in a suicide-proof cell at Rikers Island Prison and receiving death threats which police have intercepted.

His first court-appointed attorney asked to be replaced, saying later he feared for his life. A second attorney was appointed. Chapman was expected to plead innocent by reason of insanity to the second-degree murder charge.

The lives of Chapman and Lennon were eerily similar. Several psychiatrists have said that Chapman could have developed a deep, pathological and ultimately destructive identification with Lennon. Lennon collected antiques. Chapman spent thousands of dollars on fine art, including \$7,500 for a lithograph, "The Triple Self-Portrait," by Norman Rockwell.

Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono, is of Japanese descent. The woman Chapman married in Hawaii 17 months ago, Gloria Abe, also is of Japanese descent.

Lennon, who adored his 5-year-old son, Sean, gave thousands of dollars and vocal support to poverty-stricken and abused children. Chapman "was a regular piper with children," said a YMCA executive who was Chapman's friend in Decatur, Georgia. Chapman worked in a YMCA program for Vietnamese refugees at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, in 1975. For four straight summers, he was a YMCA camp counselor in Georgia.

Chapman, like Lennon, was a gentle peace-loving man, according to most of his friends. "He wouldn't hurt a fly," said Tony Adams, Chapman's boss at the Georgia YMCA.

While working as a \$4 an-hour security guard for a Hawaii condominium, Chapman taped Lennon's name over his own on his uniform nameplate. He wore — and still wears — wire-rimmed glasses, like Lennon

## Chances dim for accord at Madrid talks

MADRID, Dec. 13 (AFP) — After one month of talks, the East and West continue to exchange bitter criticisms at the Conference on European Security and Cooperation reducing the chances for renewed détente.

Political observers here said the delegates appear to be attending different conferences: with the West concentrating on a human rights review and the East lobbying for disarmament talks.

Separate proposals this week by Poland, for nuclear disarmament talks, and France, for a gathering to discuss "confidence building" measures, were viewed as possibly opening a new, more positive phase of the conference because they would force negotiations among the 35 member countries.

The conference has been dominated from the start by Western attacks on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. It suffered a new blow to East-West relations as tension mounted this month over the crisis in Poland.

Opened on Nov. 11, the conference was designed to monitor compliance with the Helsinki accords on human rights, economic cooperation, military security and East-West relations. The last review conference was held in Belgrade in 1978.

Little progress has been made on the review, however, as talks fell into a lockstep pattern: a Western or Soviet delegate would launch a long condemnation on alleged violations by the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries, prompting silence by the Soviet delegate or a protest against Western "interference in the internal affairs of his country."

The working language of the two blocs also has little common ground. "Dissident," "armed intervention" and "censor" among Western delegates become "antisocial element condemned under terms of Soviet laws," "international aid under terms of bilateral treaties" and the "duty to protect citizens" in the Soviet bloc vocabulary.

Clues as to the intensity of the argument are learned from delegates' comments in the conference corridors after the sessions. If the debate was not too controversial, Western delegates refer to a "good working climate."

## Peking lodges protest

PEKING, Dec. 13 (R) — Communist China formally protested to Vietnam Saturday over more than 200 incidents which it said Hanoi had provoked along their common border in the past two months, the official New China News Agency said.

At least six Chinese were killed and 50 wounded in the incidents. A protest note handed to the Vietnamese Embassy "solemnly demanded" that the Vietnamese cease armed intrusions.



FRIGID CHESS: Chess enthusiasts in Munich, West Germany, spend a winter afternoon playing with king-size pieces in a neighborhood park. Games often attract knots of passersby.

## Zimbabwe chicken project

### Banana tends executive flock

SALISBURY, Dec. 13 (AFP) — State House, the official residence of Zimbabwean President Canaan Banana, took on a new look Saturday with the arrival of a batch of new guests — 400 chickens.

Their arrival marked the official launching of the Mushandira Paowe (Working Together) Poultry Cooperative in the 40-acre grounds of the colonial-style mansion.

Dressed in green overalls, gumboots and a bush hat, the president formally launched the venture by carrying one of the six-month-old birds into the chicken run he helped build over the past six weeks.

The cooperative is a joint venture involving all the State House staff, who will share 20 per cent of the profits. The other 80 per cent will be used to extend the cooperative and already new chicken runs are being built.

Banana said the aim of the cooperative was to "transform the colonial-style and exclusive paradise of the elite into a people-centered home and production center. As its name denotes, the Mushandira Paowe project eschews the outmoded ideas of individualism and the selfishness. Its central theme is unity in work regardless of social status," he said.

Banana said he hoped the "modest project" would help in encouraging all Zimbabweans to develop a strong sense of responsibility towards work so that the country could become self-reliant and self-sufficient.

"Rather than indulge in futile and divisive activities all our people should work to par-

ticipate in the productive process," he said.

Banana said another batch of 500 day-old chicks would arrive next month. The cooperative planned to produce more than 2,000 chickens.

The president's wife, Mrs. Janet Banana, has also launched her own self-help scheme by using several acres of State House grounds for a vegetable-growing cooperative.

## U.S. to continue bar on Salvador assistance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has said it will continue to withhold assistance to El Salvador pending progress toward a significant governmental restructuring that would ensure greater protection of human rights.

The announcement by department spokesman Jack Cannon came one week after the Carter administration, responding to the murder of three American nuns and a Catholic lay worker in El Salvador, suspended \$25 million in economic and military aid to the country.

The suspension was imposed amid reports that Salvadoran security forces may have been involved in the Dec. 2 killings. Subsequently, President Jimmy Carter dispatched a fact-finding mission to El Salvador headed by former Undersecretary of State, William Rogers.

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## Workers show resentment

## Class divides Soviets' views on Poland

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (LAT) — "Molodtsi, ti Polyaki," said the middle-aged Muscovite, retired professional man who by no means hinks of himself as a dissident. "Good fellows, these Poles."

It was a quick, candid remark, meant to convey a certain admiration for millions of Polish workers who have begun to stand up or themselves and demand from their socialist state a higher standard of living and a greater voice in their own destiny.

Such sentiments are expressed discreetly and guardedly in the Soviet Union, where — if the world filters along to the wrong co-workers, neighbor or acquaintance — the consequence can be an invitation for a chat

and a warning from the KGB security police.

Despite the risks, after five months of turmoil in Poland that has touched every level of society, and severely shaken the ruling Communist Party there, sympathetic vibrations can occasionally be heard from ordinary Russians.

"Really exciting things are going on in Poland," said one young intellectual who has friends in Warsaw. "They have gotten a little more freedom for themselves."

Those sentiments and similar expressions of empathy for Poles appear to be largely confined, however, to the better-educated elite in Moscow and a few other large cities, where at least some of the Soviet Union's

relatively privileged people keep quasi-liberal values tucked away in the closet.

Just what the great mass of blue-collar, industrial and farm workers — especially those out in the distant provinces — think about Poland or any other subject is one of the Soviet Union's leading mysteries.

There are indications, however, that among the common people events in Poland tend more often to arouse resentment toward the upstart Poles than sympathy for their complaints. That resentment is deeply rooted in centuries of mutual ethnic antagonism, and is reinforced by fears that Soviet aid to Poland will worsen food shortages that are already serious across much of the Soviet Union.

Some Westerners who have traveled recently in the Ukraine and Byelorussia, two Soviet republics bordering Poland, report a rising incidence of ethnic slurs about "shiftless, lazy Poles."

One young Muscovite expressed similar disdain with bitter irony: "I don't really like Poles, but I admire them," he said. "They are so brave. They die beautifully."

Some diplomatic observers believe that such attitudes may be officially encouraged in areas near the Polish border as an antidote to sympathy. Millions of Russians listen to news from the Voice of America, the BBC from London and to West German shortwave broadcasts. Despite intensive jamming by special stations in every city that started up as the Polish crisis developed, substantial segments of those foreign broadcasts penetrate from time to time, especially in the Baltic areas of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

But even when Soviet citizens do pick up news from the outside they often treat it with much the same skepticism as they apply to their own rigidly controlled newspapers, radio and television — whose stated purpose is not so much to inform and entertain as it is to shape public attitudes in the interests of the state.

"Of course," a woman who occasionally listens to foreign broadcasts said in a tone of absolute certainty recently, "your Voice of America slants the news just as Radio Moscow does."

In the last few months Soviet newspapers have come a long way toward reflecting the level of tension in Poland while not actually reporting events in objective terms. Ordinary Russians, who sometimes say that they learn more from "reading the white space" of their

newspapers — between the lines — than the print itself, glean enough to know that serious trouble is brewing on the western border.

Soviet news media have long since acknowledged that strikes occurred but have never reported the scale of unrest, the concessions Warsaw has made to its workers, or the origin and legal status of new and independent trade unions. Meanwhile, the Soviet press has started calling the old, discredited government-controlled Polish unions "self-governing."

All this is presented in the context of allegations that such subversive Western forces as the American AFL-CIO are taking advantage of economic mistakes made by the former regime of Edward Gierek, and are supporting opponents of Socialism in Poland to the distress of ordinary, patriotic Poles. Recently the Soviet news agency Tass reported from Warsaw that some sections of solidarity, the largest of the new unions, are providing cover for "counter-revolutionary groups" who allegedly seek "open confrontation" with the Communist Party.

If the news that ordinary Russians read and hear is short on hard information, it is long on familiar catch phrases that signal big trouble. The Soviet media have reported nothing about the military preparations that western nations fear may presage an invasion of Poland.

But recurring references to "counter-revolution" and "profound anxiety" over the Polish situation, not to mention the possibility of "grave consequences," spells to many Russians an impending repetition of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia 12 years ago.

"Most people are just very nervous, very worried about this," a middle-aged woman said. Her remark is a common one from Russians who are acutely aware that World War II began in Poland, and ended with 20 million of their countrymen dead.

Many ordinary Russians also seem worried that continued turmoil and food shortages in Poland will mean more aid for Poland and less food for themselves.

Meat, butter, milk and even such staples as potatoes and cabbage are in short supply across the Soviet Union. Rationing of meat and dairy products has been instituted in scattered cities.

Western agricultural experts blame the shortages on bad weather and chronically incompetent management of the Soviet food system, from farms to retail stores.



SKYLADDER: U.S. Army air cavalry troops practice climbing special ladders to reach a Chinook workhorse helicopter. The maneuver is designed to get soldiers into places where helicopters can't land.

## 22 cm Karsi may be smallest human

JAKARTA, Dec. 13 (AP) — The mass-circulation daily *Kompas* said Friday one of its reporters met an eight-year old girl who may be the smallest human in the world. The daily said the girl, named Karsi, is only 55 centimeters tall and lives in a west Java village near the town of Serang.

Although her body is small, the report said, Karsi is physically perfect, mentally sound and her intelligence is like that of other children of her age.

According to the *Guinness Book of Records* the smallest female human was a Dutch midwife named Pauline Musters "Princess Pauline" who was born at Ossendrecht on

Feb. 26, 1876. She was 30 cm tall at birth, 55 cm at the age of 9, and 61 when she died in 1895 at the age of 19. *Kompas* said the latest female midwife at the age of 9 may not grow as tall as Pauline.

Karsi's parents interviewed by *Kompas* said she was born normally except that she measured about 22 cm. It said there is nothing unusual in her behavior and she talks with other children and plays with them but is always of her size.

Karsi has two younger sisters, 3 years and 10 months, and both are of normal height. *Kompas* said.



SCARCITY: A Warsaw woman sells apples to Poles waiting their turn to buy meat at a state store. Private selling like this, officially frowned upon, is the only way certain scarce goods get to parts of Poland.

## Repairs planned

## Quake damage shuts Pompeii

ROME Dec. 13 (Guardian) — Pompeii — the site of one of the Italian south's earlier natural disasters when Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. — will remain closed until at least the spring because of damage caused by the recent earthquake and the heavy rainfall since. Naples besieged by a host of other problems, can expect to see its winter tourism decline.



RUINS: Newsmen inspect the ruins of Pompeii after the recent series of earthquakes in southern Italy damaged some of its historic structures. Pompeii, buried by the volcano Vesuvius in 79 B.C., has been closed to tourists.

Explaining the closure announced last week, Professor Stefano de Caro told the Naples newspaper *Il Mattino* that the storms of the preceding few days had been the real disaster. The fissures caused by the earthquake itself had formed reservoirs to trap the rain.

"It was then that the first subsidence occurred. Some columns which seemed very solid are now collapsing. The aftershocks of the earthquake completed their destructive process," he said.

Dozens of buildings have been damaged. Among the worst affected are the colonnades of the forum, a large number of buildings near the forum, the facades of one of the main streets, and the Stabian baths — the oldest in Pompeii which were being rebuilt at the time of the lava flow.

The situation was serious, De Caro said. "We would like to avoid closure but the physical safety of visitors was clearly of central importance." He could not say precisely when the excavations would be reopened to the public because that would depend on the timetable for repair and restoration. "But unfortunately I don't believe that one can talk of reopening before the spring."

The excavations were closed immediately after the earthquake but reopened for almost a week before the decision to close indefinitely. No figure has yet been set for the cost of repair and restoration but archeologists expect it will be very high. The professor thought the money would be raised. "It would be absurd for part of our archaeological heritage to be destroyed on grounds of expenditure."

## Legal hurdles face departing Viets

HO CHI MINH CITY, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Every month at least 2,500 people go to this city's emigration office to ask for an exit visa, which is only the first step towards legally leaving Vietnam.

There is always a crowd outside the three-story building at 161 Nguyen Dzu, in a formerly residential street not far from the center of what was Saigon. People wait on the pavement for hours to enter, or just simply for some "news."

The service was begun in 1978, according to its director, Nguyen Van Nam. Since that time it has, he said, issued 22,611 exit visas. But only 5,000 people have actually been able to leave Vietnam. The ones left behind, he said, weren't lucky enough to find a country prepared to accept them.

Figures for the number of residents who have left are vague. According to information gathered from various Western sources, the total number to have left Vietnam legally this year is 3,000. The number who have left illegally, mainly by sea, is said to be ten times that.

The Vietnamese authorities, according to these sources, do not appear to be absolutely opposed to those who, five years after the end of the war, see no place for themselves in the new society.

According to Nam, the process for obtaining an exit visa is, for a Vietnamese, the same as any other administrative formality. But for many Vietnamese contacted privately, this was not the case.

The very act of asking for an exit visa — without the certainty of being granted it — entails immediate consequences such as loss of one's work. The process is also expensive. At each administrative level one must pay to ensure one's personal file is passed on to the

next level and not "buried."

Nam denied that there was any corruption, "which is stopped by the education of the population." No officials have been implicated in any of these illegal practices "up to the present," he said, noting however that if any were ever caught they would be slapped with prison sentences of ten to 12 years.

So far as the loss of jobs by those who apply was concerned, the director of the emigration service pointed to a decision of March last year by the authorities guaranteeing all who ask for an exit visa "the full enjoyment of their rights."

Any worker dismissed because he tried to emigrate could take his employer to court and demand to be reinstated, said Nam.

One prospective emigre estimated the cost of an exit visa — without guarantee of a country prepared to accept him at between three and six taels of gold. A tael or 37.5 grams of gold is currently worth between \$500 and \$550 on the black market.

Compared with an illegal departure, said the emigre, a Western-trained economist, "the legal exit is an investment whose return is not certain."

An illegal exit, usually by boat to the Philippines, Malaysia or Singapore costs less. The emigre put the figure at one to three taels for the hazardous ocean voyage.

Several sources said that for the past two or three months, one has been able, if one already has a foreign guarantor, to pay for the voyage after arriving at one's destination. The danger of shipwreck or pirates has not dissuaded those determined to leave. The authorities have increased their guard since this summer but, according to one official, the length of the country's coastline makes a strict clampdown impossible.

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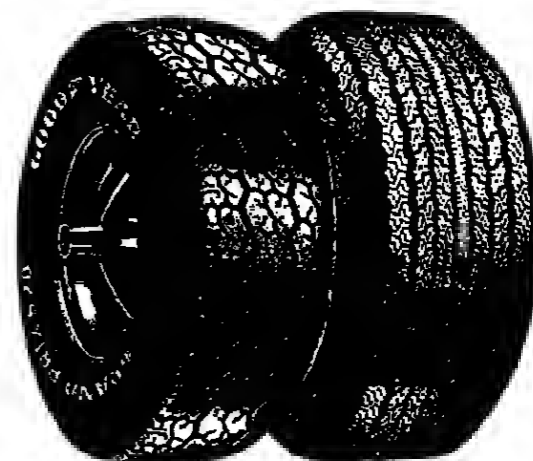
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## EEC to sell Poland food at low prices

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (R) — The European Common Market commission has offered to sell Poland large quantities of food at prices below world market rates, EEC commission sources said Saturday. The offer follows discussions between commission officials and a Polish Trade Ministry delegation on Polish request for supplies to help combat food shortages after a bad harvest earlier this year.

The price reductions would cost the community up to \$50 million, depending on the amount of rebate given, commission sources said. The EEC is expected to offer Poland prices 10 per cent below world market rate. Details of how the food sales will be made, from EEC surplus stocks where these exist or through the market in other cases, will be decided next week, commission sources said.

## French capital to participate in African bank

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AFP) — The National Assembly here has voted to have France join the African Development Bank, which decided in 1979 to solicit non-African capital. "France, which has privileged relations with many African states... owes it to itself to participate, alongside its principal industrialized partners, in strengthening... the bank", Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Olivier Stirn told the assembly Friday.

He said that France would put in \$201.6 million, becoming the fourth-largest contributor of capital among the 21 non-African states that hold a total of one-third of the bank's capital. With the non-African injection, the bank's capital is increasing to \$6,300 million.

Emmanuel Hamel, a deputy from the governing coalition, said France's participation had a "symbolic value" because the amount of money involved was relatively small. Communists in the assembly abstained from voting.

EEC government leaders approved plans for economic aid to Poland at a summit in Luxembourg earlier this month. Because of Poland's financial difficulties, the Polish government does not have enough funds to pay for the food purchases itself and is expected to seek credits from EEC governments, they said.

The commission offer is for 50,000 tons of sugar, 30,000 tons of butter, 35,000 tons of pigmeat, 15,000 tons of beef and veal, 600 tons of olive oil, 40,000 tons of rapeseed, 3,000 tons of whole milk powder, 100,000 tons of barley, 100,000 tons of rye and 25,000 tons of rice.

A prominent member of the Solidarity Free Trade Union, Zygmunt Zawalski, told a press conference: "I am ashamed, and so is Solidarity, that we have to ask for this. We ought to be able to produce enough ourselves."

Josef Przybylski, a member of the union's coordinating committee, said Solidarity was deeply concerned about Poland's critical economic situation and would work to set it right.

Both men dismissed the possibility of a Soviet intervention in Poland.

## East Germany forecasts 5% growth for next year

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 13 (R) — East Germany, which has the fastest growing economy in the Soviet Bloc, has announced a target of five per cent growth for next year. State planning commission chief Gerhard Schuerer told the Communist Party Central Committee the Gross National Product (GNP) was planned to grow by five per cent and industrial production by 5.8 per cent in 1981, the official ADN News Agency reported.

East Germany was set to fulfil targets of 4.8 per cent for GNP and 5.1 per cent for industrial production this year, Politburo

## British corporation plans to lay off 20,000 employees

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The government-owned British Steel Corporation has unveiled a plan to increase its international competitiveness by slimming 20,000 jobs from the workforce of 132,000, closing one major plant and streamlining eight others. BSC Chairman Ian Macgregor told a news conference Friday that the ailing corporation, badly mauled by a strike last year lost \$677 million in the six months from April through September and that he expected the next six months to be "even bleaker."

The plan has to go to the conservative government and the unions for discussion. The job reduction over the next 12 months would be through early retirements and not rehiring, he said. The most important part of the plan was the number of jobs salvaged — the alternative was that thousands of workers would have no future, he said.

The corporation wants to reduce steel-making capacity from 15 million tons to 14.4 million. But it also planned to regain the 54 per cent of the domestic market it had before the strike by aggressive marketing and pricing. Macgregor said all sections would be set targets which would be monitored monthly and "those getting way off target will quickly be eligible for elimination."

economic expert Guenter Mittag said Friday night.

Real earnings are expected to rise by four per cent next year, the same as this year, Schuerer said. The growth plans come at a time when the Soviet Union has lowered its economic sights for the next five years because of rising energy costs and stagnating production.

ADN said the central committee approved the 1981 plan and a government budget for next year which will be put to the country's rubber-stamp parliament next Wednesday.

## BRIEFS

MUSCAT, (R) — Oman exported 8.5 million barrels of crude oil last month, the same amount as in October, the main oil company Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) said Saturday. The country's oil production last month totalled 8.6 million barrels at a daily average of 287,000 barrels, slightly higher than the daily average of 275,000 barrels in October.

ROME, (AFP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has granted South Yemen a loan of \$9,800,000 to increase food production in four of that country's under-privileged regions. The agreement was signed here by the Yemeni Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Muhammad Sulaiman Nasser, and the chairman of IFAD, Abdel Muhsein Solaky Friday.

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Three new railway lines are to be built shortly in North East Iraq linking the region with Europe, the Iraqi INA News Agency reported Friday.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.78	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	172.00	168.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	155.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.80
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.00	72.95
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.20
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.60	36.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.10
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.03	10.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.20
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	91.75	89.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.78	7.83	7.79
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.00	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
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Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
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## Weekly Wall Street

## Optimism, prosperity mood shaken; recession ahead

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — The mood of optimism and prosperity that had been building on Wall Street for most of 1980 has been severely shaken in the past few weeks. Stock, bond and commodity prices all have nosedived since late November as interest rates continued their relentless climb, and fears spread of a return to recession.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, flirting with 1,000 only three weeks ago, is suddenly back near 900. The past week actually started out on a cheery note for the financial community, with the release of a survey by the New York Stock Exchange showing a sharp revival of small investors' interest in stocks.

The exchange reported that 29.8 million Americans owned stock or stock mutual fund shares as of last summer, up 18 per cent from 1975. That reversed a sharp decline over the previous five years. But any celebrations of that news were quickly cut short by fast-breaking developments in the economy and the markets.

The prime lending rate climbed to a record-high 20 per cent, pushed upward by soaring open-market money rates. The costs of carrying speculative investments on borrowed money skyrocketed along with them.

And a lot of investors evidently decided there wasn't much interest in taking risks anyway, when simply buying treasury bills could now bring a return of better than 15 per cent.

The worst days for the stock market were Monday and Wednesday, when the Dow Jones industrials recorded losses of 22 and 18 points. For the week, the average tumbled 39.08 to 917.15, on top of a 37.11 drop the week before. The NYSE's composite index lost an even 3 points to 74.16, and the American stock exchange market value index dropped 21.69 to 333.48. Big board volume averaged four million shares a day, against 49.42 million the week before.

For the commodities markets, the worst day was Thursday, when virtually every contract around fell by the maximum amount allowed under trading rules. Some called it the biggest single-day selloff those markets had ever seen.

One business magazine declared flatly in its current issue, "the economy is nowhere to go but down." The gloom lifted a little Friday when stock and commodity prices steadied. Stagnant optimism were heard to speculate that if a new business slump were starting, maybe interest rates might not be far from their peak. However, as Lee Ildeman at Dean Witter Reynolds told the firm's clients:

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## Gavaskar finds form

## India, Tasmania draw

HOBART, Dec. 13 (AP) — A return to form by Indian opening batsman and skipper Sunil Gavaskar was the only highlight of the third and final day's play in the three-day cricket match against Tasmania Saturday.

The game fizzled out to a draw after bad light stopped play 76 minutes before stumps with Tasmania 62 for one.

Gavaskar declared India's second innings closed at 220 for three leaving Tasmania the almost impossible task of scoring 263 runs in 157 minutes.

The Tasmanian batsmen never took up the challenge and were just playing out time.

Earlier in the day Gavaskar delighted the small crowd at the ground with a masterful innings of 85.

Gavaskar despatched the Tasmanian bowlers for 10 fours and one six in his 174 minute stay.

Prior to this knock he had experienced a lean time with the bat and had scored only 29 runs in his past six innings. The run of outs followed his 157 in the opening match of the tour against Western Australia.

India resumed Saturday morning at 62, for no wicket with Gavaskar on 30 and Chetan Chauhan not out on 32.

The partnership was not broken until 147 when Chauhan was caught at long-on for 66.

This was the second highest partnership so far on the Indian tour — bettered only by a 212 run partnership between Dilip Vengsarkar and Sandip Patel against South Australia.

Friday belonged to Tasmania with Davison, David Boon and Robbie Knight all scoring well.

Davison was very severe on the limited Indian attack scoring 76 not out in only 126 minutes.

He came to the wicket with Tasmania's score at 150 and combined in two important partnerships.

The first was with Boon and they added 43 runs in only 31 minutes.

Later Davison and allrounder Stuart Saunders added 70 runs for the sixth wicket in 81 minutes.

Boon, 19, finished with 63 runs and it is understood test selector Allan Davison, who was at the match, was impressed with the youngster.

Boon came to the wicket with Tasmania two for 31.

He and first drop batsman Robbie Knight combined in a 710 run third-wicket partnership.

Boon batted for 151 minutes and bit eight fours in his innings while Knight batted for 154 minutes for 43.9.



K.D. Ghavri

## Mavericks end losing streak, down Clippers

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Coach Dick Motta had seen his expansion Dallas Mavericks lose 28 of their first 30 games. So when they raced to a 61-49 halftime lead over San Diego Friday night, he wasn't taking anything for granted — they'd already blown a half-time lead nine times this season.

"When we shot 60 per cent in the first half, I knew we had to come down to earth," said Motta. "I just hoped that we could survive."

They did, but just barely.

The Clippers closed the deficit to 78-76 at the end of the third quarter and moved in front several times in the final period. But Dallas guard Brad Davis hit a jumper with five seconds left to tie the score 102-102 and send the game into overtime, then the Mavs outscored San Diego 10-2 to post a 112-109 victory.

The Mavericks' fourth National Basketball Association victory ended a 12-game losing streak.

## S.A. crushes Indonesians

By Momin Mohammad Ali

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The Saudi Arabian national team set a new scoring record Friday beating the visiting Indonesian national team 8-0 in Riyadh. The Kingdom's previous record was a 7-0 victory against Qatar during the last Gulf tournament.

It was not the only heavy loss for Indonesian football as the local first division selected team shattered the Indonesian first division team with half a dozen goals after a superb performance in Riyadh Wednesday.

Minelli, the national team's coach, introduced new faces into the team after its disappointing results at the first Islamic games in Izmir, Turkey, earlier this year. The new selection has introduced Fahd Al-Musaibeh and Shae Al-Nifesa breaking the traditional team that depended on Nasr's Majed Abdul-

Walters leads revival  
Australia stages recovery

PERTH, Dec. 13 (APF) — Dashing Doug Walters rescued Australia on the second day of the second test against New Zealand here Saturday.

At tea, Australia had recovered from a desperate 5/68 to be 7/176 in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 196 at the WACA ground.

Walters made a fighting 55.

At the break, Rodney Marsh was unbeaten with 43 and Rodney Hogg had yet to score. Walters and Marsh took charge after the New Zealand pace attack had rocked Australia in the opening session.

Walters adopted the chief scoring role while the left handed Marsh was mostly content to keep his end intact.

When he had scored 23, Walters joined the exclusive club of Australian batsmen who have made 5,000 test runs.

The only other five to top that milestone are Sir Donald Bradman, Neil Harvey, Bill Lawry, Greg Chappell and Ian Chappell.

But there was an element of luck in the manner in which Walters achieved the target Saturday.

He had made 20 when he firmly clipped a ball from Lance Cairns to John Wright in the gully.

Wright allowed the chance to fly through his hands to the boundary for four.

Thriving on his luck, Walters breezed to 50 in 90 minutes with eight scorching boundaries.



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## Surprises highlight Cup play

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Three surprises highlighted the Saudi Milk League Cup second round last week when 16 teams competed for a place in the quarter — finals this Sunday and Monday (Dec. 14 & 15).

Cup holders Whitaker crashed out 3-2 to a strong Lockheed team, despite coming back from a 2-0 first-half deficit.

Lockheed played attacking football from the start and constant possession and two early goals resulted in a slackening of pressure as half-time approached. This allowed Whitaker to equalise after the break, but Lockheed came back strongly in the last quarter to run out deserved winners.

Al Hada, contender for the Second Division title, came from 1-0 down to put First Division F.O.J.P. out of contention with a 3-1 victory. F.O.J.P. took early control, hitting the post before they went ahead, but faded badly allowing Hada to take the game.

Al Hada now face much fancied Saudia, who advanced with a walk-over against injury-hit I.A.L., on Monday, in what could be the Cup's hardest match.

Dallah Avco, current league champions, crashed 4-3 to Second Division leaders N.J.I.A., despite leading 2-1 at one stage. Revenge for N.J.I.A., whose second team suffered a humiliating 9-2 defeat from Dallah in the first round last month.

N.J.I.A. now meet Zahid, who over-

whelmed Third Division Sogex 8-2, in a continuation of their league encounters. N.J.I.A. downed Zahid 3-1 two weeks ago in the league, and Zahid will be looking to reverse the score on Monday.

First Division Hockief survived a 3-3 draw against Third Division A.S.T., going through 3-1 on penalties. A.S.T. came from a half-time deficit of 3-1 and two early second half goals made the final half hour a real thriller. A.S.T. pressured constantly and looked the team most likely to score. Unfortunately for them, Hockief held out and proved the better at penalties.

The sudden departure of Sogex from the league allowed a re-instated Whitaker Villa, bottom placed in Division Two, to pit their might against Scandinavia, bottom-placed in Division Three. Not looking this gift horse in the mouth, Villa scored a late winner to advance to the quarter-finals and the daunting prospect of Lockheed.

Villa's win was actually a historic moment in Jeddah local soccer. Their first in over two seasons of League and Cup action.

Scandinavia's record looks to be heading in a similar direction, but it was restoring to watch two teams who lose so often, still turning out eager to enjoy a clean game of football.

In the final game, Asmara proved far too good for A.D.S., using the 5-1 victory to show-off fine footballing skills.

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# Fleming earns finals berth



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## Barker ousts Ruzici in Australian tennis

ADELAIDE, Dec. 13 (AP) — Britain's Sue Barker scored an exciting 6-7, 3-6, 6-4 win over Romania's Virginia Ruzici in a quarterfinal match of the 25,000 (Aust) dollar National Panasonic Open Australian Women's open at Memorial Drive Friday.

The match, which lasted more than four hours, was interrupted twice by showers. Total of two hours seven minutes of playing time was lost. This was the first time Barker, the tournament's fifth seed, and Ruzici, third seed, have met this year.

Barker now meets Hungary's Marie Perle in Saturday's semifinals. Pinterova at Amanda Tobin of Australia 6-2, 2-6, 3-6. In another quarterfinal veteran Betty Nove (Holland) advanced into the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-4 win over 17-year-old German junior Claudia Kohde.

Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia advanced into the semi-finals with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over American Bettina Lange. The match, which was played under lights, lasted three hours and 25 minutes.

## Mihara to oppose Ganda's Kalule

OKYO, Dec. 13 (AP) — Tadashi Mihara of Japan will challenge World Boxing Association (WBA) Junior Middleweight champion Ayud Kalule of Uganda in a title fight in Copenhagen, Denmark, in April next year, an official of the Japan Boxing Commission said.

Uguru Kojima, deputy director-general of the Japan Boxing Commission, said the union of Mihara, the WBA's No. 1 contender, as challenger in the next WBA Junior Middleweight title fight was confirmed during general meeting of the World Boxing Federation held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 23-29.

"Specific date and place for the title match yet to be fixed," he added. Mihara has a record of 12 wins, 10 of them inside the distance, against no loss.

Los Angeles, California, Rafael Limon was the World Boxing Council's (WBC) lightweight champion on Thursday in a 15th round of Venezuela's Ildefonso Jimenez.

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## McEnroe defeats ruffled Nastase

MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 13 (AP) — Peter Fleming defeated fellow-American Eliot Tetscher 6-2, 6-2 Friday night to qualify for Saturday's semifinal round at the \$320,000 World Championship Tennis Challenge Cup.

John McEnroe, who defeated Romania's Nastase 6-0, 6-3 in the second match Friday night, and Tetscher had already earned a berth in the semifinals. McEnroe completed round-robin play with a 3-0 record, while Fleming and Tetscher were 2-1.

Fleming was awarded first place in his four-player group because he defeated Tetscher. Fleming's victory over the 21-year-old Tetscher kept him from slipping into a three-way tie with Harold Solomon and Shlomo Glickstein of Israel. Under rules of the tournament, the number of sets and games won by each player would have been used to break the deadlock.



John McEnroe



Peter Fleming

Fleming broke Tetscher's service in the third game of the first set and held his own serve when he ached for the winning point in the fourth game. Tetscher protested when umpire Jason Smith ruled Fleming's serve was in bounds and Tetscher seemed disheartened after the call.

Smith made another controversial boundary call in the fifth game of the second set as Fleming again broke his opponent's service. "I'm sure he did lose some of his drive because of the calls," Fleming said of Tetscher.

Fleming made things even tougher by repeatedly catching Tetscher flat-footed with an overpowering serve.

The McEnroe-Nastase match, generated crowd interest because of comments made by the two players earlier in the week.

McEnroe had said "the only thing Nastase does when he plays against me is to see how many times he can cheese me off." Nastase had replied to the charge by calling McEnroe a punk and vowing to beat him when they met on the court.

But Nastase seemed to lose his desire on the third point of the first game in the opening set when umpire Don Wyle ruled one of his returns out of bounds. The rest of the match became a farce, with Nastase attempting to unsettle McEnroe, while he in turn tried to deliberately hit Nastase with several of his returns. Asked after the match if there was had blood between the two, Nastase replied: "Not really. He's just a spoiled kid, but he'll learn." Nastase finished the tournament with a 0-3 record. His last-place finish earned him \$5,000.

Meanwhile, Argentina's Guillermo Vilas had arrived back in Australia, hoping to win the Australian Open Tennis tournament for the third year in a row.

He will have a warm-up tournament when he competes as top seed in the New South Wales mens open next week. He is scheduled to meet France's number one Yannick Noah in a quarter final, and if he wins would then play either of two Americans, Vitas Gerulaitis or John Salter.

Vilas is one of five competitors ranked in the world's top ten who are competing in this tournament. They are, Vilas (4), Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl (6), Argentinian Jose-Luis Clerc (8), Americans Vitas Gerulaitis (9) and Brian Gottfried (10).

# Nadig victory enhances lead in ski events

PIANCAVALLO, Italy, Dec. 13 (AP) — Marie Therese Nadig continued her snowballing victory march by winning the downhill here Friday for her fifth victory in the six World Cup Skiing events so far this season.

She did it in a way which should strike fear into her opponents — she was not skiing her best.

Nervous because of the world cup points at stake for both the downhill and the combined, and uncomfortable on the thawing, slow snow, the Swiss champion was almost caught by Norwegian Torill Fjeldstad, who finished second by only 36 hundredths of a second.

Nadig was not happy with her performance. "I didn't ski right," she said. "It's better not to think about the world cup. It gets you nervous."

The latest win gave her 50 world cup points, 25 for the downhill plus 25 in the combined for the downhill and Sunday's giant slalom at Piemonte which she won. She now is far ahead in the run for the women's world cup, with 136 points out of a maximum possible of 150, and a 76 point lead over her next rival Irene Epple of West Germany.

With the first special slalom of the season scheduled for her Saturday, such slalom specialists as France's Perrine Pelen, currently fourth in the standings, could rise up to challenge Nadig. Pelen has done well to accumulate 54 points so far.

But Nadig's confidence is growing and she is now looking forward to the special slalom, traditionally her weakest event. "With the way I'm skiing now, I think I can win points in the special," she said.

The Swiss bombshell Friday skied almost a full second slower than her training time. Fjeldstad, 23, was overjoyed with her best world cup showing ever. The Norwegian finished fourth last year in the combined here and seventh in the downhill at Lake Placid.

"What a surprise," she said. "The best I thought I would do was eighth or tenth, and that would have been great."

Fjeldstad broke up a Swiss sweep of the top three places. Finishing in third and fourth behind Nadig's compatriots Doris



SNOWBALLIN': Switzerland's Marie Therese Nadig in action during Sunday's women's world cup giant slalom in Piemonte.

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Nadig's victories this season have been — the downhill and combined at Val d'Isere, the grand slalom, downhill and combined at Piancavallo.	4 — Perrine Pelen FRA 54 pts.
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	9 — Lea Folkner AUS 28 pts.
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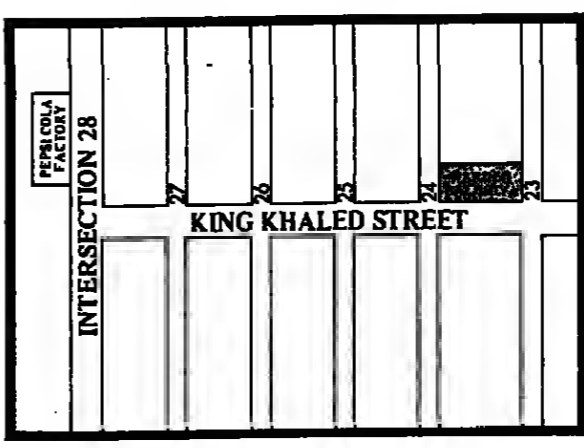
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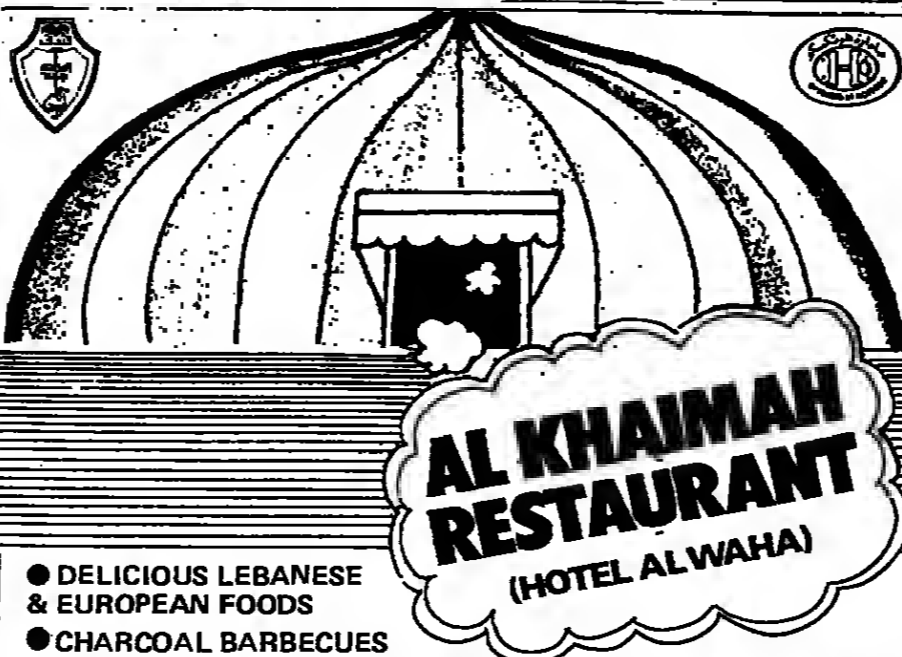
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## Iranian official says U.S. hostage reply 'basically positive'

TEHRAN, Dec. 13 (R) — The U.S. response to Iran's terms for freeing the 52 American hostages has been "basically positive," a senior Iranian official involved in the hostage issue said Saturday, according to the official Pars news agency.

But the official, Ahmad Azizi, said that four black American clergymen now visiting Tehran would not be able to secure the release of the hostages, now in the 406th day of their captivity. Azizi, whose official title is director of American hostage affairs in the office of the prime minister, was quoted by Pars as saying: "The reply and the position of the United States to the conditions set by the Islamic consultative assembly (parliament) have been basically positive."

The latest U.S. note on Tehran's four conditions for freeing the hostages was brought

to Iran nine days ago by Algerian intermediaries, who are still awaiting Iran's reply. Azizi said the talks with the Algerian envoys were continuing and the results would be published soon after the Algerian team left Tehran.

Details of the slow-moving dialogue between Tehran and Washington have been a closely-guarded secret. But Azizi's comments were a clear sign that the two sides were making progress towards a settlement.

On the visit of the four American clergymen, Azizi was quoted as saying that if they intended to obtain the release of the hostages, this would not be the case. He was apparently responding to Western press reports that the four, who arrived in Tehran Friday, aimed to work for the release of the hostages.

However, Lehman Bates, one of the clergymen, said Friday that the main purpose of his visit was to expand understanding between the Christian and Muslim religions.

"If they (the Iranians) raise the subject (of the hostages) we will have to respond," he said.

Iranian Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Navahi, who heads a special group handling the hostage question said in a newspaper interview Saturday that the next Iranian message on the hostages would contain Iran's proposals for how the release conditions should be met. Iran has demanded that the U.S. government pledge not to interfere in Iranian affairs, release impounded Iranian assets, drop all legal claims against Iran and return the wealth of the late Shah.

The U.S. position so far has been that legal and constitutional difficulties prevented full U.S. compliance with at least two of these terms.

Iranian officials have in the past dismissed these objections, saying the conditions were worded so that they could be met under U.S. law.

**Aspirin may help eyes**

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (AP) — A daily dose of aspirin may help delay the appearance of some of the blinding cataracts that cripple thousands of the elderly, a research team headed by a Yale University doctor has found. T.J. Cotter and coworkers have found preliminary evidence that elderly patients who take aspirin for rheumatoid arthritis have fewer cataracts than those who don't, according to a report in Friday's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A separate study at Yale and the University of Illinois eye and ear infirmary has found that aspirin users show a slower rate of cataract formation, they said.



**PUSH AND FULL**: Two boys push and pull a pair of skaters across an ice-covered pond near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The area got several inches of snow last week. (AP photo)

### Codefendant stands mute

## 'Gang' member confesses to plotting revolt

PEKING, Dec. 13 (AP) — Wang Hongwen, the youngest member of the "Gang of Four," confessed in court Saturday that he and others plotted an armed rebellion in Shanghai in 1967, while his codefendant Zhang Chunqiao stood mute, Communist Chinese sources said.

The sources reported Wang, 45, testified that he conspired in the abortive uprising along with Zhang, who is the former mayor of Shanghai. Yao Wenyuan, another member of the "Gang," and others.

Wang, a former party vice chairman, has turned state's evidence and confessed in all the hearings in an apparent bid for mercy. Zhang, a former vice premier, remained silent, refusing to answer questions or look at the bench, sources said. Zhang never has testified in court and has been reported very ill.

The court summoned two witnesses, sources said. They were identified as former

secretaries of the Shanghai municipal party committee, Xu Jingxian and Madame Wang Xizhen.

Details of the testimony were not immediately known. The armed uprising in Shanghai was the final major charge in the 48-count indictment. The fourth member of the "Gang," Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow, is not named in that charge.

The indictment alleges that the three other "Gang" members felt their power slipping and decided to fight.

At his previous court appearance last week, Zhang stood "like a chunk of granite," spectators said, and refused to answer charges that he ran a spy and torture ring and approved bloody factional fighting.

Wang confessed last week that he directed the biggest armed riot in Shanghai's history. He said he directed an attack on a factory during the Cultural Revolution in 1967.

### Silent on ransom

## Brigades seize Rome judge

ROME, Dec. 13 (R) — A Red Brigades unit which kidnapped one of Italy's leading magistrates Friday night, threatening a new confrontation between the state and urban guerrillas, kept silent Saturday about its ransom demands.

The wife of Giovanni d'Urso sent a radio appeal to his captors as anti-terrorist police manned roadblocks and ran identity checks throughout the Rome area. D'Urso, 49, is a member of Italy's supreme court but his justice ministry job in charge of transfers to maximum security prisons made him an ideal target for the Brigades.

In a radio interview, his wife begged the kidnappers to make contact with her and told D'Urso to keep calm. "We will negotiate because the life of a man and a father of two children is in the balance," she said.

It was the most important political abduction in Italy since the Brigades seized former Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978 and killed him after two months of fruitless bargaining. In the Moro case, the Brigades demanded

the release of their jailed comrades and Italian newspapers speculated Saturday that a similar ransom would be demanded this time.

Dozens of guerrillas are locked up in top-security prisons, like the island fortress of Asinara, and D'Urso was well known as the official responsible for sending them there. The magistrate was apparently kidnapped on his way home Friday night, and the gang had about two hours to reach their hideout before announcing the news in a telephone communiqué.

Saturday morning, police found D'Urso's tortoise-shell spectacles close to his car, but there were no signs of a violent struggle. His wife said he stopped using an armed escort some time ago. "When the terrorists decide to do something, there's nothing you can do about it," she said.

The kidnapping was a blow to government hopes that Italy had virtually rid itself of guerrilla violence. Improved police techniques and the confessions of several jailed guerrillas led to a series of arrests this year.

## Bear facts differ from popular belief

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (APF) — A bear's essential needs are not quite as bare as was once generally believed, Soviet scientists have concluded after studying polar bears in the Arctic.

The experts have found that the animals dislike cold, dark, stuffy dens, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday. The bears build low openings to keep cold air from rising too high, and create openings for ventilation. This architectural layout is similar to that of Eskimo igloos.

Bears apparently have found that a fur coat is not enough when the mercury plunges. According to the Soviet scientists, the bear's elevated bedroom is often nearly 30 degrees

centigrade warmer than outside.

The experts have been studying bears on Wrangel Island and the Franz-Josef Archipelago, both in the Arctic Ocean.

The Soviet study seems to suggest that bears have been influenced by human behavior. The animals on the archipelago go for communal living, with two or three individuals inhabiting the same den.

On Wrangel Island, female liberation appears to hold sway. The females take the dens, while the males sleep outside in the cold. Tass said that there are only about 20,000 polar bears in the world. It has been illegal to hunt them in the USSR since 1956.

## Aides deny Nixon, Kissinger in line for posts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — A report that U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan is considering former President Richard M. Nixon for appointment as ambassador to Communist China has drawn negative reaction from a Nixon spokesman and Reagan's top aide.

The U.S. ABC News quoted sources close to the Reagan transition staff as saying Nixon was being considered for the ambassador's post in Peking and that Nixon's former secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, was being considered for nomination as ambassador to London.

A Nixon spokesman said in a telephone interview that the former president "is not going to be ambassador to Peking."

Edwin Meese III, counselor to the president-elect, told reporters at a briefing Saturday that chances of a Nixon appointment "are virtually non-existent" and that it is "highly unlikely" Kissinger would be appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Meese said he wasn't highly impressed with anyone who would publish or broadcast such a report. Both Nixon and Kissinger have said publicly they will be available to advise Reagan in an unofficial capacity.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

It has dawned on me recently that all the nations of the earth, no matter how different culturally and economically, agree on one thing: the essential shape of the love story. Be the country permissive or conservative, "advanced" or "backward," its writers speak with one voice on the mutual admiration of man and woman. The ingredients are the same. In fact, three or four elements have carried the tale in different combinations from the dawn of history to the present.

The first element, invariably, is boy meets girl. The second, without which the story would end as soon as it started is the third party, who might be a male, in which case he would vie with the boy for the girl's hand, or a female who would vie with the girl for the boy's. (The third party could be played by the "family" of either, or both families, or the neighbors, or the tribe — but that variation is not important. What's important is an obstructive third party. Otherwise, no story.)

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One of the most successful films in this field in the West, *Love Story*, introduced the variation of illness, and terminal one at that, into the situation. But we fans of Farid Al Atrash saw nothing new in that: our lad was always terminally ill in his films (alas, this caught up with him later in real life) and the ladies wept bitter tears in the darkness of the cinema for his sad fate.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

## Buses get green light

RENNES, France, Dec. 13 (APF) — Buses here have been fitted with an electronic system that automatically gives them the green light at each city intersection they approach, the mayor's office announced Saturday.

Traffic lights at 10 intersections have already been regulated to filter bus traffic through in response to high frequency radio signals emitted by the vehicles. An initial 50 buses are now fitted with transmitters, which trigger traffic signals to green within a radius of 300 meters and will even program priority passage in advance through successive traffic lights along the route.

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